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## "HERR HITLER HAS REDUCED THE GERMAN NATION TO SUICIDE CLUB" Press Speculation On Death Of Langsdorf

LONDON, DEC. 21 (BRITISH WIRELESS)—THE SUICIDE OF CAPTAIN LANGSDORF IS STILL THE SUBJECT OF MUCH COMMENT AND SPECULATION IN THURSDAY MORNING'S PRESS.

The Yorkshire Post expresses the view, almost universally held here, that the reason of the German commander's act was that as a naval officer of the old school he could not endure the behaviour forced upon him from Berlin, and it adds, "It may also set people wondering how many other regular officers in the German Navy and Army are not altogether happy in obeying Nazi commands."

Several writers see the drama at Buenos Aires as a symbol.

The Daily Herald, for example, says, "Adolf Hitler found Germany a great nation, proud and free. In seven short years he has reduced it to a suicide club—a crowd of desperate human beings rushing to destruction without honour and without hope."

In similar vein, the News-Chronicle observes, "Hitler was going to make Germany great. Instead, through this war, which he provoked, he is destroying her possessions and draining away her wealth. He is scuttling not merely his ships but his country. Hitler the scuttler will be his name."

Justification of this verdict is supplied by other newspapers.

### ROYALTY VISIT POPE PIUS

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—Their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy visited His Holiness the Pope for the first time in ten years.

The visit is stated to have been arranged as a practical manifestation of the Catholic tradition of Italy and her readiness to uphold Christian principles.

The King and Queen were accompanied by Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and the Minister to the Holy See.

## CHINESE CLOSING IN ON NANNING: HEAVY JAPANESE CASUALTIES IN HUPEH

ON THE KWANGSI FRONT, Dec. 21 (Central)—A Chinese unit regained Sihu, about three miles north-west of Nanning, yesterday morning, while another unit recovered Suhu and Shanhu, approximately 20 miles south-west of Nanning. Both units are now pushing toward Nanning.

After the Chinese recapture of Chitang, Liutang and Wutang situated between Nanning and Paitang, 30 miles north-east of Nanning, the retreat of the Japanese at Paitang has been cut.

The Japanese at Paitang have built strong defence works and are equipped with a number of field guns. They made three successive charges Tuesday night, but failed to break through the Chinese cordon.

Apparently intending to push toward Paitang, 1,000 Japanese from Nanning launched a counter-attack at Szeang, about 12 miles north-east of the city, yesterday morning. Both sides suffered considerable casualties.

### CENTRAL HUPEH

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 20 (Central)—Chinese forces are reported to have pierced into Chung-siang, on the east bank of the Han

River in Central Hupeh, by the east gate.

To the north-east of Chung-siang, the Chinese are continuing their enveloping attack on Yangtze. They heavily shelled the town on Tuesday. The Japanese magazine and barracks there were hit and set afire.

The Japanese have suffered heavy casualties at Huangchiatsi, north-east of Chung-siang, and Kungyichang, on the Kiangnan-Chung-siang highway.

### TANKS DESTROYED

Three Japanese guns and a quantity of ammunition were captured by the Chinese at Huangchiatsi, and several tanks on the

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## MRS. DODWELL NAMES AUSTRALIAN VESSEL AT THE KOWLOON DOCKS



ON LEFT, MRS. S. H. DODWELL, with Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., Chief Manager of the Kowloon Docks, standing beside her, officiating at the launching of the s.s. Karuah which is seen on the right about to enter the water. The ship was built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., to the order of the Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Sydney, Australia.

## Magnificent Rally By Australia To Cause Of Empire: Hon. Mr. Dodwell Pays High Tribute At Launching

### Prospect Of H.K. Playing Major Part In Replacing Shipping Lost In The War

High tribute to the magnificent contribution Australia, as a part of the Empire, is making to the cause of freedom, was paid by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell in his address after the launching of the s.s. Karuah by Mrs. Dodwell at the Kowloon Docks yesterday evening.

The Karuah was built for the Newcastle and Hunter River s.s. Co. Ltd., Sydney, and most of the steel used is Australian steel.

The Hon. Mr. Dodwell also referred to the prospect of Hongkong playing a major part in replacing the shipping lost in the war, and pointed out that the balance of trade between this Colony and Australia was largely in favour of the latter, and that orders for ships from the Southern continent, which can be built of Australian steel, will not only provide a very suitable method of partially restoring the trade balance between the two countries but also make for reciprocity and goodwill, upon which the unity of the Empire rests.

The launching ceremony went off without a hitch. Punctually at 5 p.m. Mrs. Dodwell was conducted to the platform by Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., Chief Manager of Kowloon Docks, who handed her the bottle of Australian champagne with which the ship was christened Karuah.

Then, on the stroke of a silver hammer, the majestic vessel of 1,200 tons slid slowly and gracefully into the waters of the China Sea to the cheering of the crowd.

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## SUICIDAL TENDENCY OF NAZIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—"To Nazi Germany, such an end may be glorious," says the New York Times, commenting on Captain Langsdorf's suicide.

"But it is glory at a high price—the price of tradition and the respect of other men and nations and, perhaps, eventually of German morale."

The New York Times contrasts the death of Captain Kennedy, of H.M.S. Rawalpindi, and says: "The world will be left to wonder even more whether there is not a melodramatically suicidal tendency running through all the structure of the Nazi regime."

## Contraband Intercepted By Allies

LONDON, Dec. 21 (BWS)—Over half a million tons of contraband suspected to be destined for Germany have now been intercepted and detained by the British Contraband Control including 8,955 tons of petroleum and Allied products, 8,000 tons of zinc concentrates, 8,000 tons of ferro nickel ore, 1,313 tons of cotton, 376 tons of foodstuffs and beverages, 273 tons of gums and resins, 173 tons of non-metallic products and quantities of oils, fats, oleochemicals, rubber, fibres, hides and skins, bringing the total detained in the first 15 weeks of the war to approximately 510,000 tons.

It is understood that up to December 17 French Contraband Control had similarly detained a total of approximately 380,000 tons. The joint Allied total is thus some 870,000 tons.

## ESTONIAN VESSEL ATTACKED

OSLO, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The Norwegian steamer Rogaland arrived in Kopervik carrying 13 of the crew of the Estonian vessel Uko, including two women. The Captain of the Uko stated that his vessel was attacked on Tuesday in the North Sea 80 miles from the Norwegian coast by a Nazi plane which dropped five bombs one of which sank the ship. The plane then machine-gunned the crew as they were taking to the boats and one man was hit. The boats drifted for 15 hours.

### MINED AT NIGHT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The Latvian steamer Auskels arrived at the Hook of Holland with 16 survivors of the crew of the Swedish vessel Adolf Bratt (1,300 tons) which was mined last night near Terschelling. Four of the Adolf Bratt's crew were drowned while one died aboard the Auskels.

## BURMESE WOMAN LEADER CALLS ON MME. CHIANG

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (Central)—Miss Daw Mya Sein, deputy leader of the Burmese Goodwill Mission, paid a courtesy call on Madame Chiang Kai-shek yesterday when they discussed women's activities.

Other members of the Mission visited the Min Sang Shipping Company.

The Sino-Burmese Cultural Association which was formed yesterday issued a manifesto saying that the Association would exert its efforts for peace and welfare in accordance with the Buddhist and Confucian doctrines.

The Association sent telegrams to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, and the Chinese troops at the front, paying respects.

Another telegram was sent to the Burmese expressing thanks for their sympathy and assistance for China's cause.

## TURKISH MINISTER TO CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The Turkish Minister to China, accompanied by his wife, will leave Hongkong for Chungking by air this morning, says the Shun Pao. The report adds that this is the first time in the history of Sino-Turkish relations that a Turkish Minister had been appointed to

## British Relief For China

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The British Chinese Relief Fund has cabled to Shanghai the third contribution of \$3,000 since the European war began.

Large consignments of clothing, blankets and medical requirements were being shipped this week and the fund now totalled \$208,398. From the beginning of September contributions totalled \$5,000.

## ONLY ONE SHIP IN 400 LOST IN CONVOY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The British Consul-General here declared that only one of 400 ships convoyed across the Atlantic since the outbreak of war had been lost.

## JUBILEE EDITION OF MEIN KAMPF

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

BUCHAREST, Dec. 21 (Havas)—The fact that German newspapers are at present advertising a special "Jubilee edition" of Mein Kampf as a Christmas gift leads to the belief that this edition is a new revised version in which the violent anti-Soviet passages have been deleted.

## AMERICA MUST HEAR MORE ABOUT YANGTSE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The Times' Washington correspondent writes: "Obviously, the feeling here is that more must be heard about conditions American shipping would have to accept on the Yangtze when re-opened, particularly what other definite suggestions Japan is willing to make."

"Something more than mere suggestions are required if the denunciation of the Commercial Treaty is to be softened."

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## INCOME TAX AT KUNMING

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—Income Tax amounting to \$158,900 for the last three years has been paid to the Chinese Government Income Tax Bureau at Kunming, Yunnan, by the representative of an unrevealed Chinese business firm in the occupied areas who arrived in Kunming recently, says a Chinese message to the Sin Pao.

The Income Tax Bureau has wired the Ministry of Finance in Chungking to take official cognizance of the patriotism of the Chinese merchant, the report adds.

## ORDER OF LENIN FOR STALIN

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The Presidium of Supreme Soviet conferred on M. Stalin, on the occasion of his 60th birthday, the Order of Lenin, the highest award in the U.S.S.R. and the title "Hero of Socialist Labour."

### CHUNGKING RECEPTION

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—On the occasion of the 60th birthday of M. Stalin, the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association will hold a reception in Chungking today, according to local reports.

Following the reception a congratulatory message will be wired to M. Stalin.

## Liner Was Practically Chased Into Gibraltar: Colony Residents Return

Many Colony residents who returned from leave late yesterday afternoon aboard a British liner were more than pleased that the hectic trip from England had ended.

The captain found it necessary to leave the course on several occasions: at the beginning of the journey the course was altered when the steamer went 300 miles out in the Atlantic. It is understood that about five submarines were in waiting in the South Atlantic for the liner which was practically chased into Gibraltar.

Passengers slept in their clothes and were prepared for any emergency. There were approximately 700 passengers, including about 125 children.

The passengers disembarking in Hongkong included: Mr. and Mrs. N. Braga and two infants, Mrs. Fancham and two

Taochi.



# GLORIOUS WEATHER FAVOURS LAST H.K.R.A. SHOOT FOR YEAR AT THE KOWLOON CITY RANGE

## Varying Wind Causes Low Scoring

Weather was again glorious when sixty-two members met on Kowloon City range for the last shoot of the year. A varying wind kept scores somewhat low, although Lt. Le Seellier and L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty, both of the Royal Engineers, were each only two short of the century.

Handicap Spoons were won by L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty R.E., Sgt. K. C. Wong H.K.P.R. and Mr. Warburton D.R.C. in the S.R. (b) class.

Cpl. R. Langford, 1/Mx., won the Nett Spoon, and Mr. V. R. J. Merrett, D.R.C., Sgt. H. E. Gubbay, H.K.V.D.C., and Sgt. F. S. Collins, R.A.F., won handicap spoons in S.R. (a) class. Sgt. K. C. Wong

won a possible button at 500 yards with S.R. (b) rifle.

**NEXT SHOOT**  
The next spoon and practice shoot will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, when the R.A.F. team will compete against the Royal Engineers' team in the semi-final of the "Bellies Shield."

**LEADING SCORES**  
The leading scores were as follows:—

S.R. (b)					
Lt. A. J. Le Seellier	Hp	200	500	600	Total
L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty	Ser.	33	33	32	98
Mr. H. G. Foreman	2	34	32	32	98
C/Sgt. P. Hale	3	32	31	34	97
Sgt. K. C. Wong	4	33	32	31	96
F/Sgt. F. Tollison	3	31	33	30	94
S/M. W. Kifford	30	31	32	33	93
Q.S.M. J. Ball	Nll	31	32	30	93
Mr. A.L. Warburton	5	28	32	32	92
S/L. A. C. Chan	2	28	34	30	92
P.S. Chanchal Singh	4	29	33	30	92
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	Ser.	28	32	31	91
S/L. C. C. Chau	2	29	31	31	91
S.R. (a)					
Cpl. R. Langford	29	33	33	95†	
Mr. V. R. J. Merrett	13	25	29	29	83*
L/Sgt. A. Moody	8	24	30	28	82*
Sgt. H. E. Gubbay	14	29	30	25	81*
L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier	7	31	29	21	81
Cpl. G. Plummer	11	28	27	23	78
Spr. E. W. Allo	8	24	28	26	78
Sgt. C. Wong	11	25	29	24	78
L.A.C. W. J. Gash	8	26	25	26	77
Cpl. Maghar Singh	7	25	27	25	77
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	11	27	27	23	77
S/L. H. O. Tso	Nll	26	28	22	76
Pte. A. Lim	12	27	27	22	76
Mr. A. F. Evans	13	24	25	26	75*
Sgt. F. S. Collins	14	30	22	22	74*
L/Cpl. A.P. Pereira	9	29	24	21	74
† Winner of Nett spoon.					
* Winner of Handicap spoon.					
† Winner of Possible Buton.					
Winner of spoon will have his handicap reduced by one point.					

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## LADIES' COLONY TENNIS

The following are further results in the Ladies Colony Tennis Championships:

**SINGLES: (2nd Round Matches).**  
Mrs. Litton beat Miss R. Rum-jahn, 6/0, 6/3.  
Miss M. Stokes beat Mrs. Hyde 7/5, 6/1.

**DOUBLES: (2nd Round Matches).**  
Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Knight beat Miss Greig and Miss Marr, 6/2, 6/1.  
Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Chui beat Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury, 6/1, 6/1.

## Convincing Hockey Win For R.A.F.

Royal Air Force scored a convincing win by five goals to one over the "Y.M.C.A. A" XI in a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday.

The losers were only able to field a scratch team, and played one short—without a goalkeeper—throughout the first half. After the interval, E. Youriff deputised for V. M. Benwell, who was absent, in goal.

Gillespie and Bartlett were the outstanding players for R.A.F. in a strong forward line, while Pennington was the best of the halves.

**GEMMELL SHINES**  
Gemmell, at inside-right, was the best of the "Y" forwards, while Austen was the outstanding player in the intermediate line.

Goals were scored by Bartlett (2), Howe (2), and Gillespie for R.A.F., and by Gemmell for "Y."

The teams were:  
Royal Air Force: Sith; Wakefield, Lewis; Baynam, Webber, Pennington; Corser, Howe, Bartlett, Harrison and Gillespie.

Y.M.C.A.: Youriff; Jordan, Tomlinson; Smith, Gorman, Austen; Greenberg, Gemmell, Stone, Coombe and Baldwin.

## INTRA-CLUB MATCH

An intra-club hockey match will be played on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, tomorrow at 4.15 p.m., between the following "Y" teams: Whites: C. Cleggett; P. Killen, A. Rix; J. Tomlinson, and K. Broch; D. Smith, C. Waldron, E. Fowler, A. Gemmell, and L. Coombe.

Colours: V. Benwell; H. Jordan, L. Jordan, L. Pennington; I. Kempton, R. Bates, and W. Stone; L. Macey, A. Mackenzie, D. Spare, C. Bevan, and R. Banks.

## C. B. S. STAFF LOSE

The annual Form VI v. Staff hockey match was played at the Central British School yesterday, when the whole School turned out to witness an enjoyable afternoon's sport. Form VI won by five goals to nil.

Four players chosen from among the pupils reinforced the Staff team, who would otherwise have been only seven strong. Form VI pressed throughout, leading 2-0 at half time.

The first four goals were scored by W. G. Pryde, the School captain, and the fifth was deflected into the net off Mr. McLellan's, the Staff centre-half's, stick.

## Colony Team For Charity Soccer On January 1

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest of the Colony in the Charity Match on Jan. 1, 1940, at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m. against the United Services in aid of the British War Organization Fund.

Cheung Wing-choi (South China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (South China "A"); Blackburn (Police); Leung Wing-chiu (South China "A"); Forrow (Club); Hsu King-sing (Eastern); Fowler (Club); Fung King-cheong (South China "A"); Lee Wai-long (South China "A"); (Capt.), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), and Hsu Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: Ulrich (Kowloon), E. Strange (Club), Maxwell (Kowloon), Chan Tak-fai (South China "B") and Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah).

## CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB

The following have been selected to represent the club in a friendly cricket match against the R. Es. on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m. on the home ground:—  
B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, W. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way.

## MARRIED v. SINGLE

The following have been selected to play in the above cricket match commencing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26, (Boxing Day):

Married: E. Zimmer (Capt.), A. B. Hamson, H. P. Lim, A. R. H. Esmail, J. L. Young Saye, W. Hong Sing, B. R. Iranee, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, W. K. Way. Singles: F. R. Zimmer (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, E. A. Lee, A. J. Hulse, G. Winch, A. Hung, G. A. Lee, H. G. Hallam, P. J. Billimoria, C. Souza, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail.

Scorer—H. W. Randall; Umpires—G. Ladd and W. Broadbridge. There will be a tea dance immediately after the match.

## The teams were:

Staff: P. Macfadyen; B. Goodwin, Mr. D. Orr; P. Kirby, Mr. D. McLellan and Mr. C. McEwen; Miss G. Marr, Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, Mrs. A. L. Dalziel, Mlle. E. Tasarley and E. Watson.

Form VI: R. Labrum; N. L. Smith, E. X. Hurley; M. Swan, A. Odell and D. Orchard; V. Sissons, M. Shand, W. G. Pryde, J. P. Asche and P. Beraha.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Haydn—Symphony No. 101 in D Minor ("The Clock").

Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Toscanini.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Hildgarde. The Hill Billies and Others.

Vocal—In The Moonlight's Glow (Hill Billies); Climbing Up The Golden Stairs (arr. Hill Billies)—The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment. Piano—Am Playing Farewell To You—Fox-Trot; I Have A Heart For Lovely Women—Fox-Trot—Fred Stein. Vocal—Listen To The German Band (Gordon and Revel); I Believe In Miracles (Lewis & O'Connell)—Hildgarde with Orchestra. Vocal and Piano—He's An Angel (Hodges); Moon Over Miami (Leslie & Burke); Turner Layton. Orch.—The Stein Song (Pensted)—Valley; Rio Rita (Turner)—Philip Green and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.50 Brahms' Waltzes, Op. 39.

Arsatole Klitin at the Piano.

6.15 Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98.

Felix Weingartner conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

### 6.52 Closing Local Stock Quotations:

6.54 Selections from Grand Opera. "La Traviata" (Verdi); One day a love ethereal; Far from Paris my darling—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Maria Caniglia (Soprano) with Orchestra. Overture "Les Femmes Juges" Op. 3 (Berlioz)—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. "La Gioconda" (Pencicelli); Enzo Grimaldo; Prince of Salsador; The Continued on Back Page

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do. 12.00 mid-night

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Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

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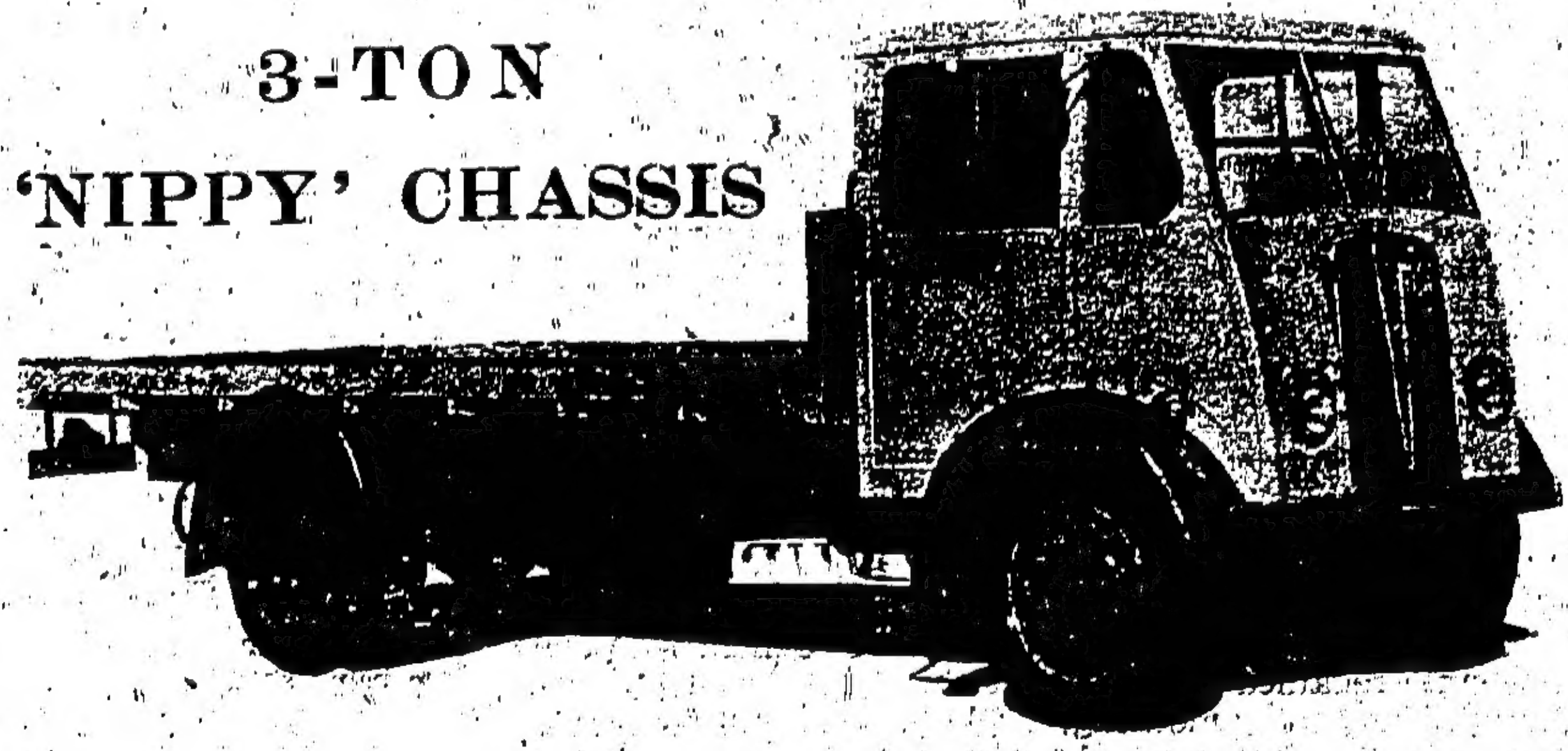
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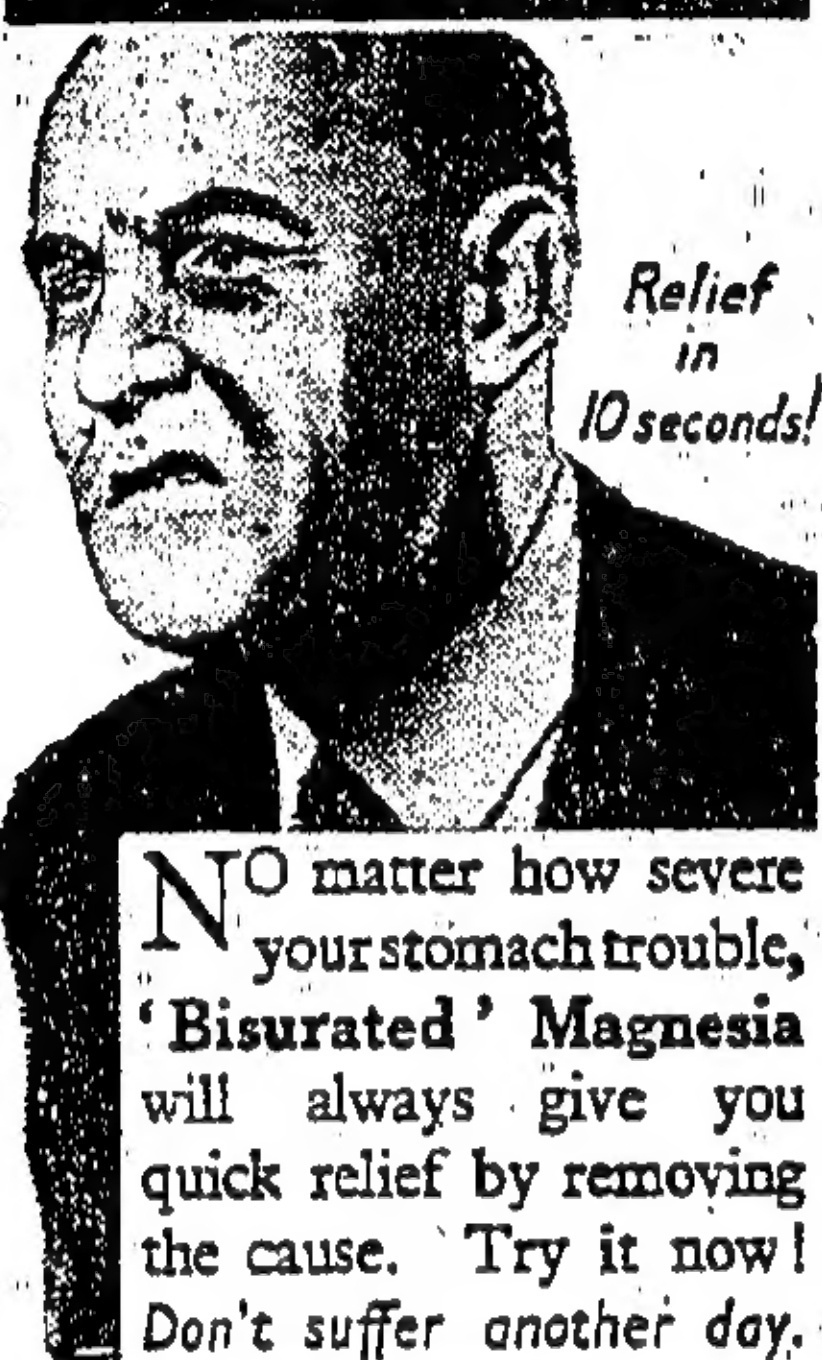
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## COMING EVENTS

DEC.  
22—Tides: High 5.36 a.m. and 6.08 p.m.; Low 12.46 a.m. and 11.31 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.  
Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."  
China Light and Power Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.  
Claims against Enemy firms (Vincos Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.) Schools' Physical Training Competition. H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.  
Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.  
Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—8.30 p.m.  
H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Church Fellowship Carol Party in Kowloon.  
R.E.W.O.'s Mess: Christmas Draw, and Social Wellington Barracks, 7.30 p.m. and 10.39 p.m.  
Sale of Toys at Millington, Ltd., in aid of B.W.C.F., 10 a.m.—3 p.m.  
Orphan's Home, Executive Committee Mtg.  
Christ Church: Nativity Play, 8.45 p.m.  
Crown Land Sale (D.O. South), 11 a.m.  
Toc H. Chater Room, St. Andrew's, 8.45 p.m.  
Christian Fellowship, Helena May Inst., 10.30 a.m.  
23—Tides: High 7.07 a.m. and 8.44 p.m.; Low 1.32 a.m. and 12.13 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 3 p.m.  
E.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanning Lodge.  
Institute of Business Administration—Students' Christmas Party at Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.  
24—Tides: High 8.17 a.m. and 7.22 p.m.; Low 2.13 a.m. and 12.58 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.  
Christmas Eve.  
St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 8.15 p.m.  
H.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.  
Softball League.  
25—Tides: High 9.09 a.m. and 8.03 p.m.; Low 2.51 a.m. and 1.37 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.  
Christmas Day.  
St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.  
International Soccer, China vs. Portugal, Soekunpo, 3.30 p.m.  
26—Boxing Day.  
International Soccer, H.K.F.C. ground Scotland vs. England, 3.30 p.m.  
R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.  
Faulkner Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwanti.  
Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
H.K.C.S.C.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.  
Canadian Chinese Club, Christmas Party, Metropole Hotel, 9 p.m.  
Tea Dance at Craigscrover Cricket Club.  
27—Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.  
29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.  
Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.  
30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.  
31—New Year's Eve.  
Ritual Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.  
Football Shield, First Round, Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 9 p.m.

## PRINCESSES BACK IN LONDON FOR CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are to spend Christmas with Their Majesties. They have been in Scotland since before the war and travelled down to London during Tuesday night.

They have not seen the King since the middle of August or the Queen for two months.

Mr. Cheng Tse-hsien, member of the National Relief Commission, arrived in Kwellin on Tuesday with \$150,000 relief funds. Mr. Cheng will shortly leave for the front to distribute the relief money among war refugees in South Kwangsi.

## Riotous Film At King's

The chance of a lifetime to "Pack Up Your Troubles" in your old kit bag and howl, howl, howl awaits you down at the King's Theatre, where joyous Jane Withers arrives today in the new 20th Century-Fox comedy of that title, with those riotous Ritz Brothers tossed in to guarantee you a maximum of fun.

Yes, Jane's the bravest little Ma'amelle in all France—and the Ritzes are in the army now! Being the Ritzes, of course they take the liberty of telling the General off, with results that provide the picture with one of the funniest punch lines in the memory of this reviewer.

Jane presents two grand new impersonations—George M. Cohan, singing "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy," and Eva Tangany, singing "I Don't Care." She also sings "Who'll Buy Flowers," a song by Sidney Clare and Julie Styne.

## Cargoes Not Delivered

### CLAIM AGAINST NAZI FREIGHTERS

MIAMI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Imperial Sugar Company of Galveston has filed a suit for attachment against the German freighter Arauca, which put into Port Everglades, in Florida, yesterday, after being pursued by a British warship.

### CARGO OF SUGAR

The Company claims it had many tons of sugar on board three Hamburg-America line freighters, which put into neutral ports at the beginning of the war without delivering their cargoes.

The suit involves a sum of \$38,500.

## LOSS TO MUSIC WORLD

### Death Of Conductor Of B.B.C. Empire Orchestra

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The death occurred in London on Tuesday of Mr. Eric Fogg, who for sixteen years has been a member of the B.B.C. staff as Empire Music Director and Conductor of the B.B.C. Empire Orchestra since its inception in 1934.

### GREAT PROMISE

His death is a loss to the world of music, for his serious works showed even greater promise for the future.

He had the unusual gift of being light-hearted even in his "serious music."

Children too will miss him, for he was well-known over the children's programmes to the younger listeners who were his fond admirers.

### GOVERNOR OF TIMOR

LISBON, Dec. 21 (Havas).—It is unofficially announced that Captain Manuel Ferreira Carvalho will soon be nominated as Governor of Timor.

## NEUTRALITY ZONE NOT VIOLATED

### SCUTTling OF THE COLUMBUS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. President Roosevelt's Secretary declared that more complete reports had now been received which convinced the United States Government that the Columbus was scuttled in order to avoid risk of encounter or seizure outside the neutrality zone.

No naval action or encounter was reported and, therefore, the question of any violation of the neutrality zone was not involved.

### NAZIS NOT TOLD

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Up to a late hour yesterday, the German public was not allowed to know that the Columbus had been scuttled by her crew, nor did they know that the French had sunk two more U-Boats.

## Dangerous Work

### "BALLOON NAVY" TO COUNTER NAZI MINE-LAYING

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Measures against Nazi planes laying mines along the British coast include not only nightly patrols over Heligoland, but also operations by the "Balloon Navy," in order to intercept enemy aircraft.

### DANGEROUS WORK

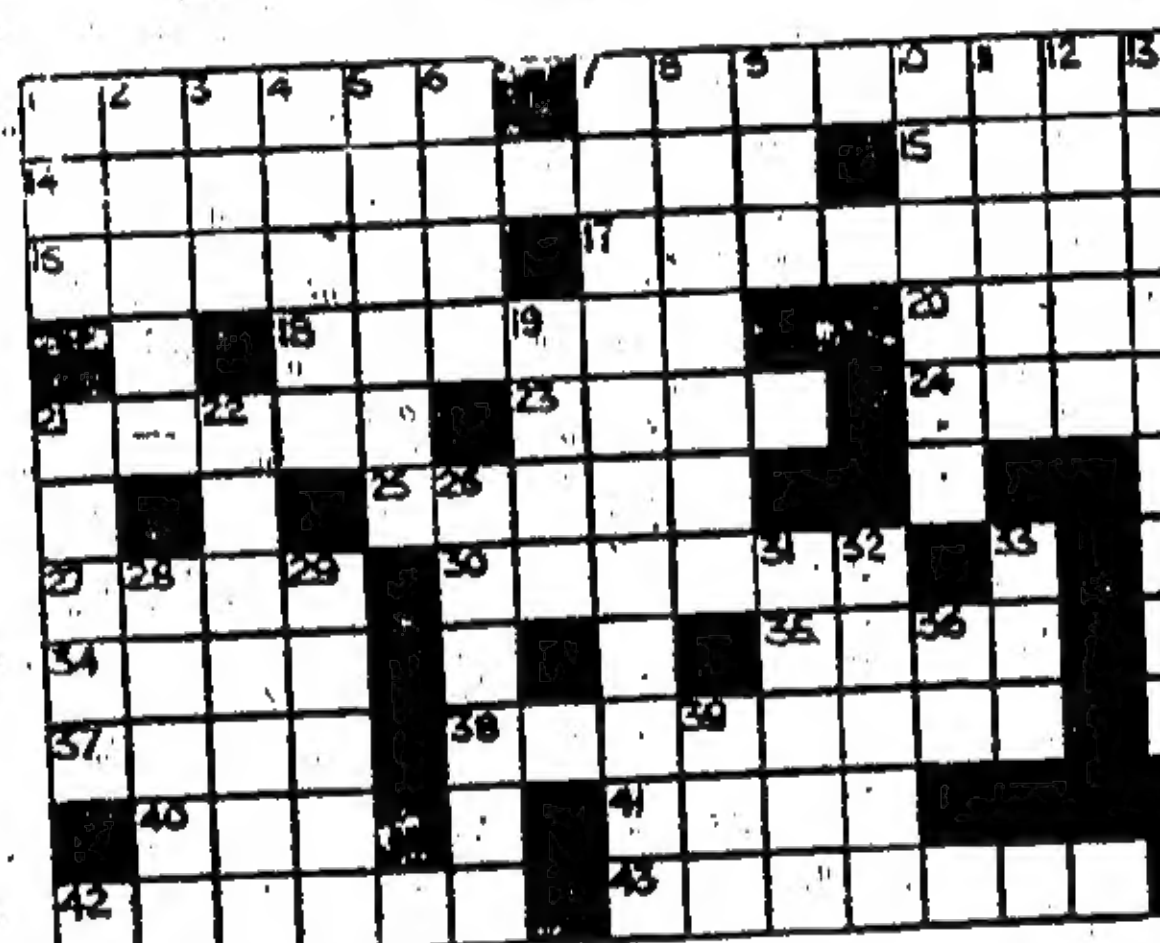
Balloons now made fast to boats around various danger areas and these boats are manned by young members of the Balloon Barrage of the R.A.F., tugmasters and fishermen.

The danger of the work is illustrated by the story of how one such boat found itself anchored at night near a mine. It did not dare move for fear of being blown up and those on board wore their lifebelts all night.

Next morning the anchor was hoisted and the boat slowly and cautiously moved out of the area.

## CROSSWORD

NO. 493



### ACROSS CLUES

1. A steely characteristic, but suggestive of emotion
7. Striking
14. An abnormality ending with beginning of 17 across
15. Rent in stores
16. Would describe music that goes round and round
17. Absolutely reasonable to begin with food issue
18. Sampled
20. Just time for a little one
21. Beautiful, but apparently anything but dumb
23. The peak
24. Sweets that can't be served hot
25. Kind of mouth
27. Towards someone
30. One is an essential part of these cakes
34. A relation without us, found in mint
35. Such excuses naturally don't go far
37. Slips up
38. Not real but pictured mentally
40. You observe it sounds like sea
41. If it's not built on wheels it can hardly waltz
42. The finest editor apparently is conquered
43. Non-stop indeed

### DOWN CLUES

1. Too sticky a pitch for cricket
2. Wooden standard for blackness
3. Ran into
4. Talk idly
5. Running one doesn't stir grocer's boy's pulses
6. Nudists may get good tanning from these
7. Riot reacted (anagram)
8. The honest highwayman who just takes his pick
9. Model for a sluggard
10. Concerned with smallest matter
11. Weighty beginning for something one takes to pick up
12. In a wax
13. Heavenly
19. Powder seen in oriental chemist's shop
21. Cheek or neck
22. Goes to bed
28. Spotted
28. Almost rhymes with 21 down but it's a tongue
29. Beginning
31. The select few
32. Snare made wiser
33. Made one
36. In the know with you and the gate-post
39. Obtained but for this is not remembered

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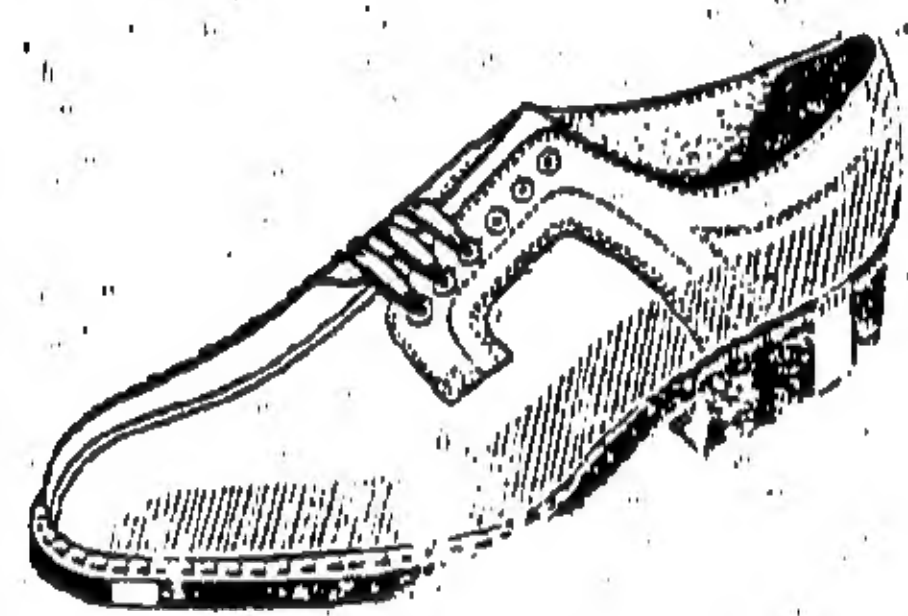
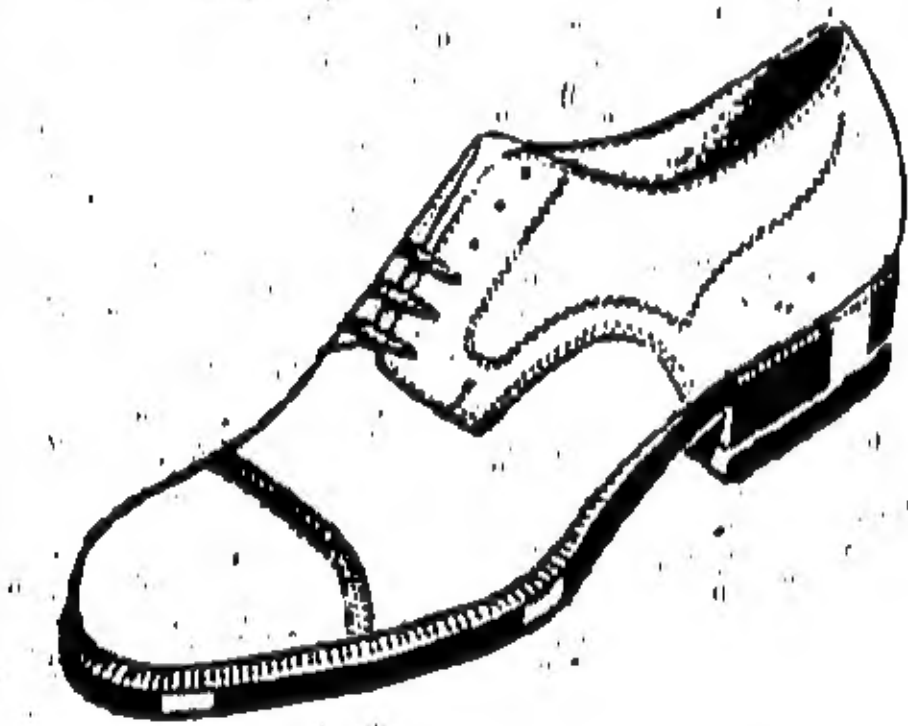
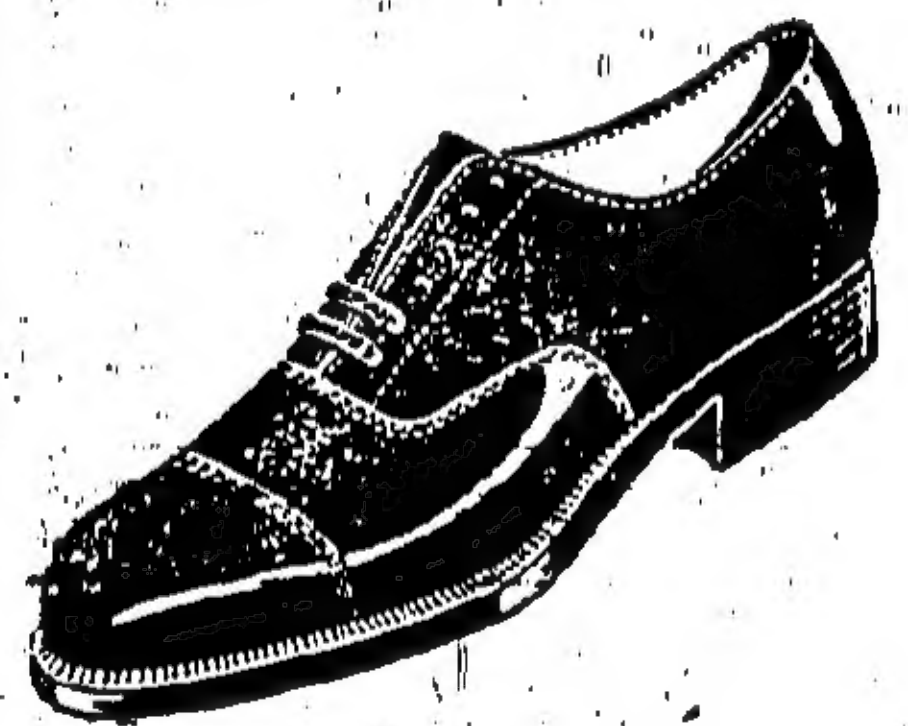


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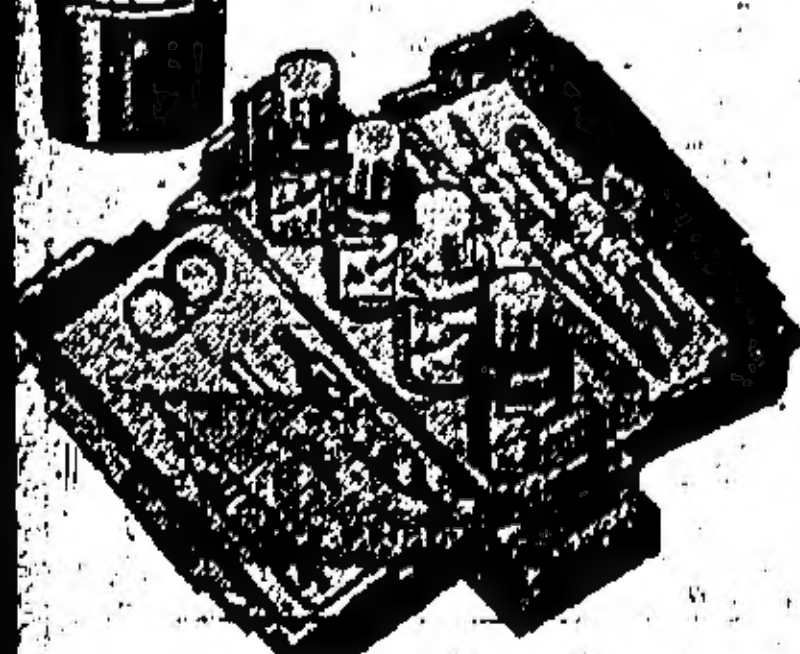
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## HOCKEY CHATTER

—BY "RECORDER"—

The two finest hockey teams in the Colony today are, of course, the battalion first elevens of the Rajputana Rifles and the Kumaon Rifles. It would be difficult to say, off-hand, which team is better. The Small Units final on Monday was contested by the Headquarters Company teams of the two battalions, and the Kumaons won.

Next in line to these two teams are the H.K.S.R.A. battalion first eleven, the Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven, the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI, and the battalion teams of the Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Scots. The only team in the Hockey Association Tournament that may be considered in a class with the above mentioned elevens is the C.B.A. and to a lesser degree, Club de Recreio and Radio.

Central British Association have players in common with Club, Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex. Radio share no players with other clubs at present, but have been defeated by both Club and Y.M.C.A. Thus we are reminded that the Association Tournament does not include any of the first half dozen best teams in the Colony, and this non-inclusion may be viewed in two lights.

First, it is fortunate for some of the weaker teams in the Tournament that this is so, as mammoth scores compiled by one team against another do not add to the interest of the game. Second, it is unfortunate that an even better class of hockey than that provided by the Tournament is not brought together into a league that would attract a much larger following than the Association Tournament, at its best, now enjoys.

It is said, especially for Middlesex, that their hockey players are also their footballers. This is true to some extent; also of the Royal Scots and the Kumaons. Several Club players are engaged in cricket on Saturday afternoons, but the very fact that Y.M.C.A. can find a team to play every Saturday may be regarded as argument strong enough that the desire to play hockey is not weaker than the desire to play another game.

It would be quite possible to have a Tournament on an even wider scale, and one that would probably attract the stronger teams, that would be divided into several sections, graded according to strength, with, say, six teams in each section. The system of promotion and relegation could be established, and thus interest would be considerably added to such a tournament.

The Association Hockey Tournament is making steady progress, and the only two teams that have not played off at least two fixtures to date are University and the R.A.O.C. There are, of course, some 14 weeks to go to the closing date of the Tournament, but games played early in the season make it possible to avoid congestion in fixtures towards the close, and the teams who did not finish their programme last year would do well to bear this in mind.

## TOURNAMENT TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R.E.	4	4	0	0	10	3	8
C.B.A.	2	2	0	0	13	1	4
Radio	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Nomads	3	1	0	2	5	9	2
Recreio	2	1	0	1	2	6	2
K.I.T.C.	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Police	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Signals	5	0	1	4	15	1	
R.A.O.C.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The Royal Engineers, with a very smart rout of the K.I.T.C. have further increased their lead, but C.B.A., Radio, and one or two others should catch up in time. The leading goal-scorer to date is L/Sgt. Homburg, R.E., with eight goals to his credit, followed by S.A. Fowler, C.B.A. with five goals.

Predictions in hockey are difficult of realisation, and it may be unwise to say that C.B.A. will win. But they have already beaten Recreio 6-0 and Nomads 7-1, and should continue winning. Radio, the R.E., and Police seem to be the only three teams that may force a draw or even emerge the winners, and these games are the most interesting ones left on the C.B.A. programme.

Nomads meet Recreio on Sunday, and the game should be a very

## CHINA'S LABOUR MANIFESTO

## Active Part In War Work

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (Central).—After the adjournment of its second annual conference on Dec. 16, the Chinese Association of Labour has issued a manifesto emphasizing that Chinese labourers should unite and take part in wartime work and that harmony should be cultivated between labour and capital.

## WORKERS' SLOGAN

The manifesto urges that every effort should be exerted by the Chinese workers to frustrate Japan's attempt to carry on the war through the exploitation of the "occupied" areas.

The slogan of the working class in wartime, the manifesto says, should be "Improve the people's livelihood and increase productivity."

The manifesto expresses the hopes that the Government and industrialists will immediately exploit mines, and develop light and handicraft industries and calls upon the skilled labourers remaining in the "occupied" cities to come to free China to do their part in resistance and reconstruction.

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

In view of the acute shortage of skilled labour the manifesto suggests the opening of more industrial schools.

Attention will also be devoted toward the promotion of closer relations between the Association and international labour organizations and the promotion of labour welfare during wartime.

## GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR FORCES IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that H.M. the King has commanded that the General Service Medal, with the clasp "Palestine," shall be granted to the forces employed within the geographical limits of Palestine and Trans-Jordan between April 19, 1936 and Sept. 3, 1939, both dates inclusive.

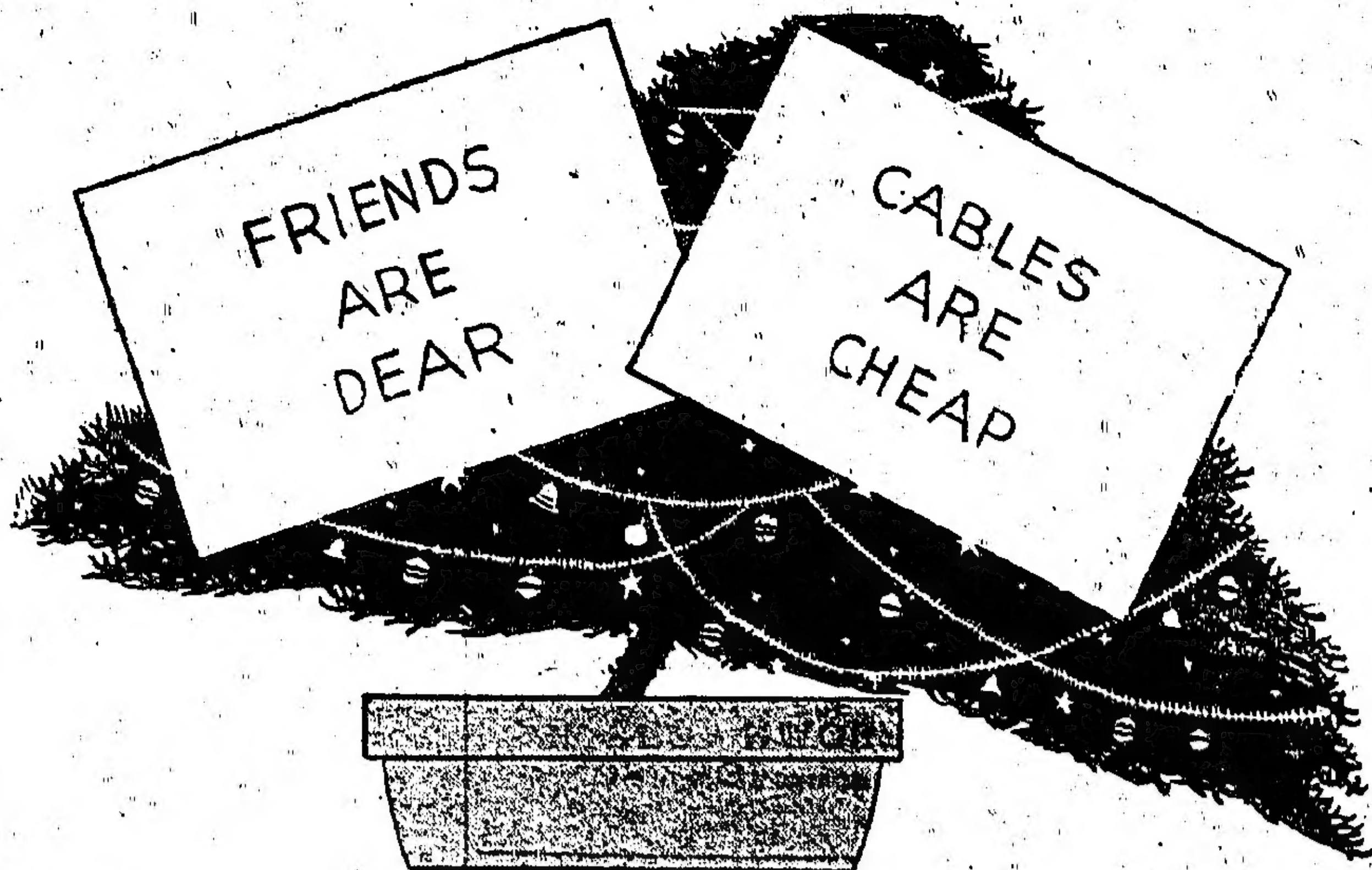
close one, and one that will attract a large audience. Recreio are the more solid team, of course, but Nomads have a lot of dash and, here we must except their sorry show against C.B.A., have a habit of tuning up to good company. The game will be worth watching.

Ladies' League Hockey is due for a two weeks' rest, and a check-up on what has so far happened may be of interest. "Y" Ladies are halfway through their league fixtures, and have not conceded a single point. Their forward line includes the three leading goal-scorers of the season, Miss D. McCaw, who has scored 10 goals in five matches, Mrs. Gardner, who has managed seven goals, and Miss B. Harker, five.

Hongkong Ladies appear ready to give St. Andrew's a real battle for second place, and all they needed to win last week was a little more combination in a team that was quite new to any other they have fielded so far this season. Recreio Ladies have also improved considerably, and should be able to give C.B.A. Ladies and C.B.S. a good fight for fourth place.

The Brawn Cup situation is a really muddled one, and last week both the unbeaten teams failed against D.G.S. and C.B.S. The latter combination, though they started their season earlier than the other teams, have evidently just come into stride, and it may have been an over-awe of League matches that was at first the trouble. However, the Brawn Cup is yet anybody's property, and each one of the seven teams may be regarded yet as a possible winner.

Hockey at the boys' schools seems to be having a revival, if a minor one, and last Sunday La Salle College entered the field to be defeated 3-0 by Queen's College. Though the C.B.S. have contributed several interporters to local hockey, the game there has never been taken very seriously by the boys, and at the D.B.S. and other schools, hockey is yet unknown. Combined Schools have played only one game this season, and a few more games, if these could be arranged, would be in place.



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## DEATH AND REBIRTH OF NATIONS

### MR. PERCY CHEN'S TALK AT MEETING OF THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Death and rebirth of nations was the subject chosen by Mr. Percy Chen for his talk at the Theosophical Society meeting last night.

#### DISEASES OF NATIONS

"Before nations cease to exist as such, they pass through a period of decadence," said Mr. Chen. "In the case of Abyssinia, the chronic diseases of the nation were feudalism, slavery, economic stagnation and political disintegration. 'The fact of the existence of these diseases does not mean to say that Italy was justified in assuming the role of 'Dr. Kill and Secure,' but as Italy herself had been given an injection of thyroid by Signor Mussolini, she felt that she could, and so it proved, undertake the conquest of Abyssinia with impunity and at the same time strive to rid herself of some of the diseases which might have led to her own death."

"Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia fell into subjugation without armed or determined resistance by the leaders or the people of those countries."

#### CHINA, 1931-1936

"I cannot but call to mind the attitude of our own government during the years 1931 to 1936, during which Wang Ching-wei was Premier in Nanking."

The attitude of the Government then, said Mr. Chen, was to avoid antagonising the Japanese despite the invasion of Manchuria, Jehol and North China. Japan marched in and seized all the territory she could. At that time, Young China openly accused the government of being effete, degenerate and unfit for the task of the regeneration of the people.

#### GRAVE CRISIS

"The Wang Ching-wei Cabinet in Nanking reacted to the grave crisis of foreign invasion in a manner which intensified the crisis and threatened to lead our nation to its death as an entity in the family of nations."

In 1935, the Wang Ching-wei Cabinet was replaced by one

### POSSESSION OF PREMISES

#### JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

Judgment was delivered in the Summary Court yesterday by Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser in the case in which the Lee Hysan Estate Co., Ltd., claimed possession of No. 45 Ewo Hill Street, top floor, from Chan Siu-chuen.

The facts of the case, in which plaintiffs were represented by Mr. J. T. Prior and defendant by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, are:—

Defendant entered into possession over two years ago when, at his own expense, he put in the electric wiring and cubicle partitions at a cost of \$200. The rent for first was \$20 a month, but this was raised to \$25 in November, 1938.

In June, 1939, plaintiffs informed defendant that his rent would be increased to \$32. Defendant counter-offered \$27 and thereupon plaintiffs on August 8, offered him alternative accommodation at that figure at 20 Percival Street and later at 7 Hysan Avenue. One of the offers was subsequently withdrawn while the other was declined by defendant as unsuitable.

The landlord required the accommodation at No. 45 Ewo Hill Street for an employee of another company in which he had a pecuniary interest. The employee was living at 73 Ewo Hill Street, also the landlord's property, as a sub-tenant of a cockloft for which he paid \$48, although the total rent for the premises was only \$38.

Judgment was entered for plaintiffs with costs and, with the consent of both parties, possession is to be given up on February 15.

under Generalissimo Chiang. Wang himself narrowly escaped assassination, and China still lives, while Austria, Albania and Czechoslovakia are dead."

Mr. Chen proceeded to discuss and analyse the present situation in Europe, and concluded by tracing the programme through which China seeks her rebirth.

## LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT KOWLOON DOCKS

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That is not of course anything like as much as we have constructed in a year in the past, nor is it nearly up to our full capacity. We have the facilities, both as to labour and plant, to build 25,000 tons of deadweight in a year, and I am very hopeful that it will not be long before our services are availed of and the Colony given part in the replacement of the opportunity to play a useful part in shipping caused by the war.

#### OTHER SUPPLIERS

The Karuah is less of our own production than usual. The full of course is our own manufacture, but the boilers were supplied by Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox Ltd. and the engines by the North Eastern Engineering Co. while the design of the ship, being a somewhat improved repeat of the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company's Mulubinba can scarcely be called our own.

I notice, from reports in the papers that Australia is making strenuous efforts to stimulate her own shipbuilding trade; a very praiseworthy object, but nevertheless on which naturally gives rise to a feeling of nervousness on our part.

We are very grateful to the Newcastle & Hunter River Steamship Company for entrusting us with the building of the "Karuah." We realise that the Australian coasting trade, like our own, calls for exceptionally seaworthy vessels, and we have every confidence that the "Karuah" will meet all requirements in this respect.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Barker for so kindly conferring upon my wife the honour of launching and christening the ship, and I trust that she has performed the ceremony to his entire satisfaction.

#### MR. C. W. J. BARKER

Mr. C. W. J. Barker, replying on behalf of the owners, said, in part:—I feel highly honoured at finding myself in the position of replying on behalf of the Newcastle and Hunter River Co. and thank you for the toast in honour

of my company and their ship the "Karuah." I gladly express my thanks both to Mrs. Dodwell for graciously consenting to perform the Christening of this ship and to Mr. Cook for the delicate compliment conveyed in using Australian champagne.

Since some of you may wonder where we get the queer names that occasionally appear attached to ships in Australia, I would like to state that a town and river in New South Wales bears the name and that my company previously owned a ship which served them for some years.

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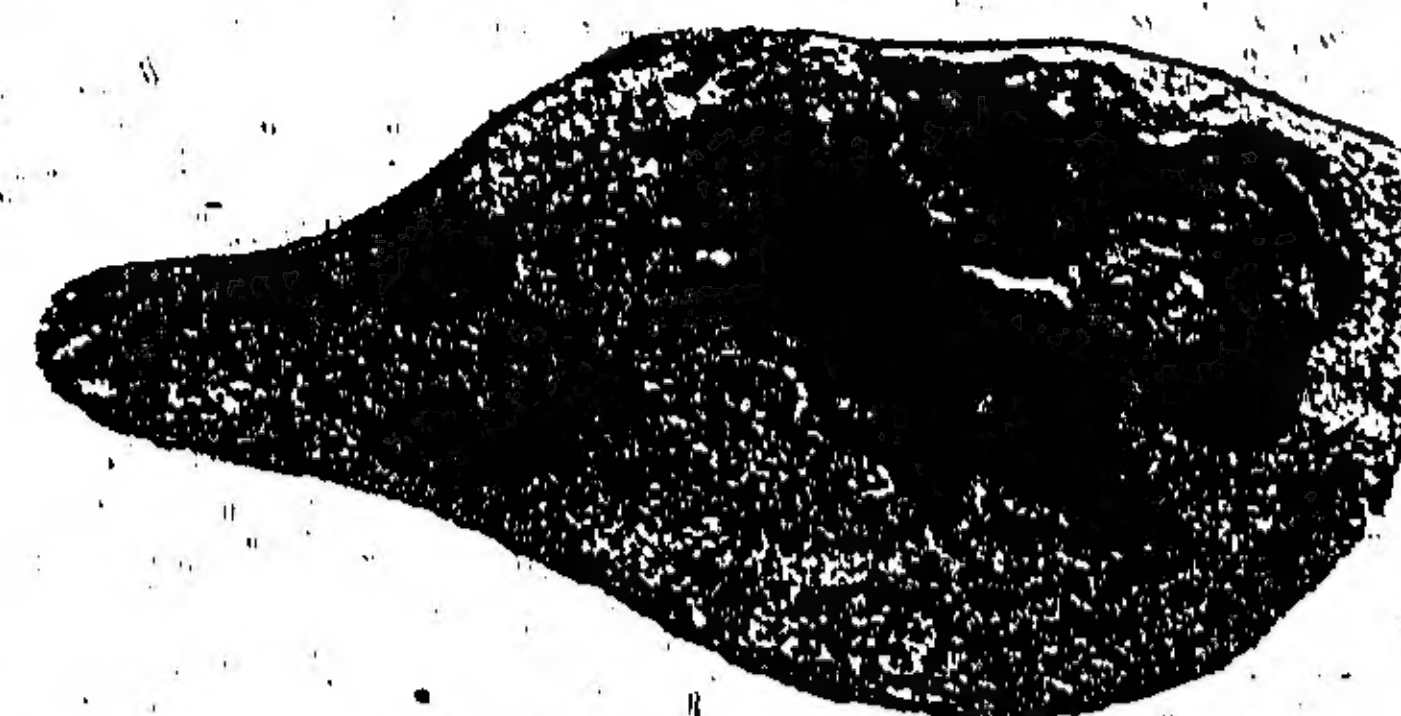
The prospects of renewed orders from Australia for vessels of small tonnage have undergone a complete change since this ship was commenced. It is felt that this time is ripe to encourage the building of such vessels in Australia and to this end the policy of the Government is directed. Encouragement is practical in that for a period of 3 years a bonus will be granted on tonnage and all British equipment admitted free of duty. Whereas formerly duty was levied on ships under 500 tons, this no longer applies, so that a certain amount of competition from overseas will prevent an undue rise in price.

The long record of achievement of a dockyard such as this is liable to be taken for granted. I would like to remind you of its national importance in times of peace and its greatly enhanced value in the present times of stress. To its continuing service and the welfare of all associated with its activities I ask you to drink a toast.

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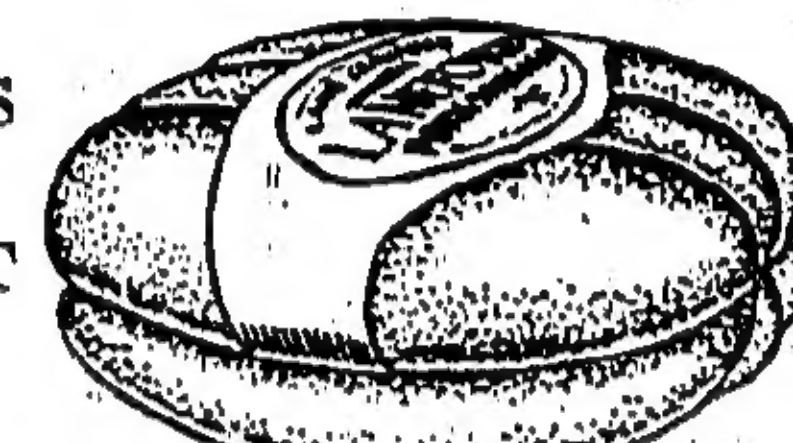
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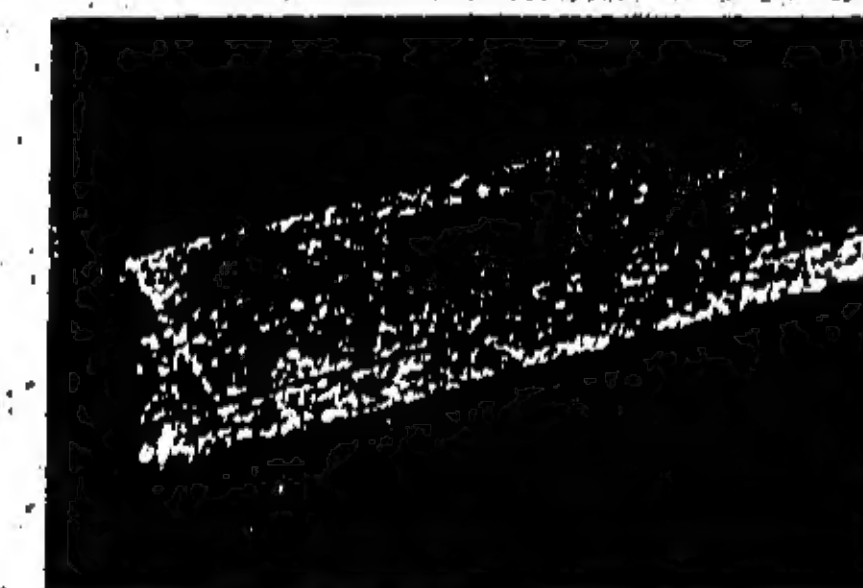
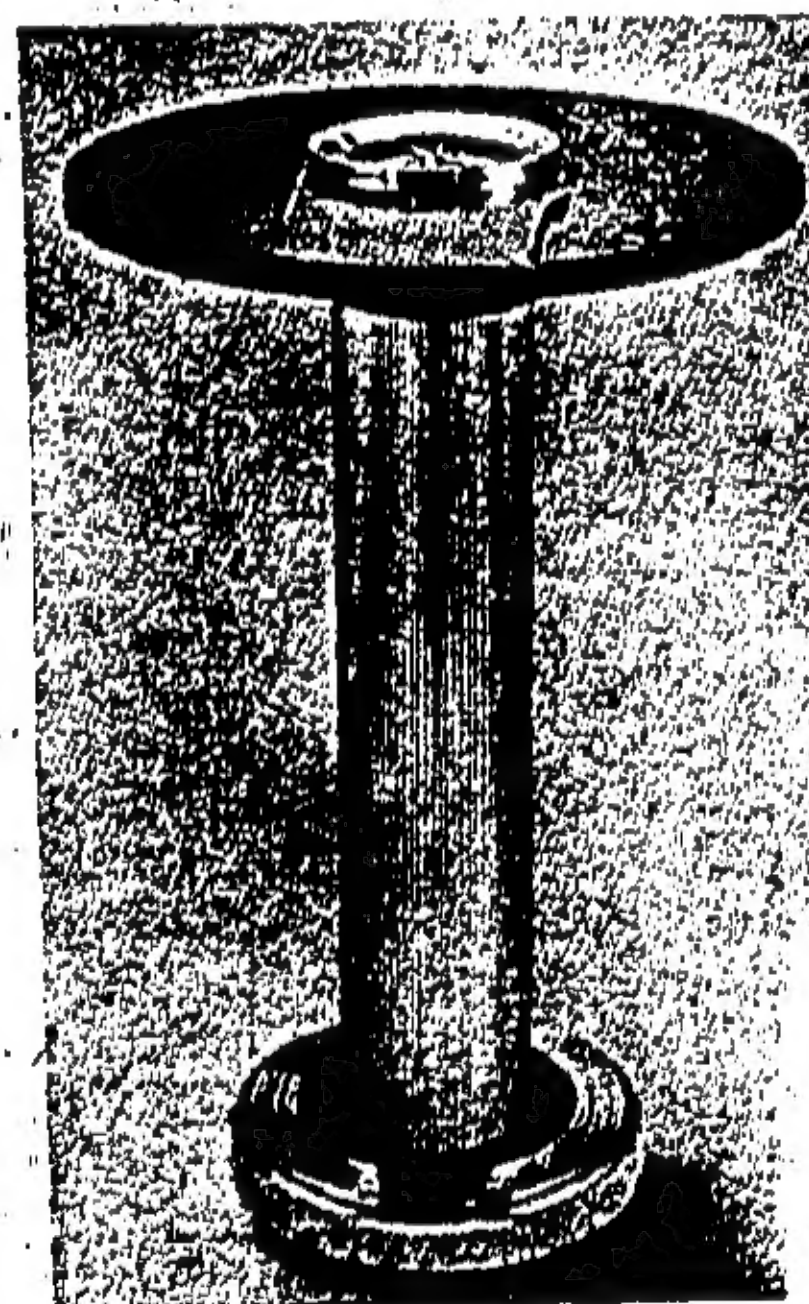
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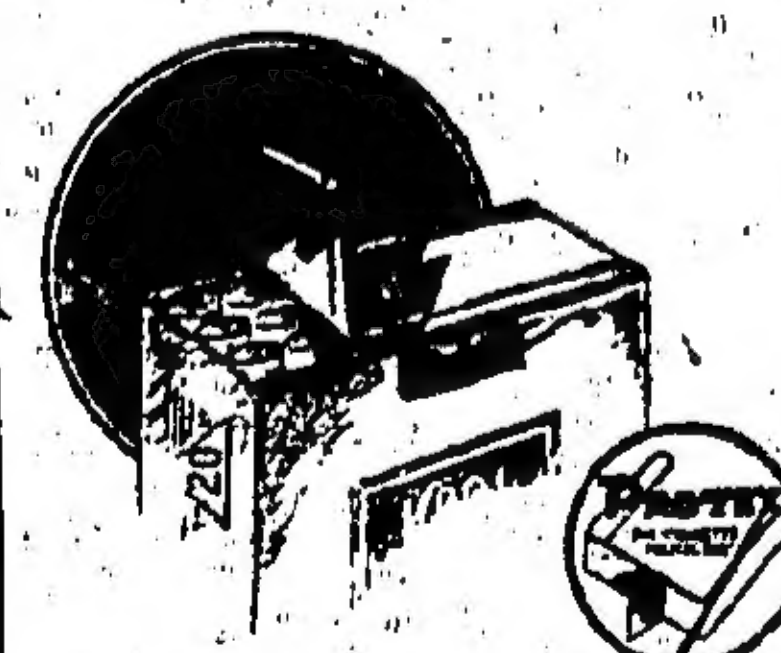
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BUSHIDO  
AND RICE

PERHAPS the most striking illustration of the cynicism which has marked every step of the Japanese adventure in China is provided by the conduct of the Japanese military in Shanghai in the course of the rice shortage which still has the city in its grip.

AT THE BEGINNING of December, lack of stocks, coupled with unscrupulous speculation, brought the price of rice within the Settlement up from the neighbourhood of \$30 to \$45 and even \$50 per picul. The situation was such that the very conservative North China Daily News was constrained to admit that "only the good temper of the Shanghai population proves a safeguard against disorder" and the Municipal Council and French Concession authorities issued a proclamation which stated that "whereas certain persons, in their greed for personal gain and unmindful of the hardships and suffering caused to the poor people have been hoarding, speculating and profiteering in rice... notice is hereby given that any person committing such acts may be denied the sanctuary of the French Concession and the International Settlement and will be liable to expulsion therefrom and the confiscation of stocks."

SIMULTANEOUSLY with this unprecedented public declaration, issued on December 10, the Japanese military spokesman informed foreign press correspondents that "it was wholly contrary to the wishes of the Army that the Chinese people should suffer from exorbitant prices and it would demonstrate its co-operation to the Settlement and Concession authorities by bringing in large quantities of rice to adjust supply. This measure would be repeated until the shortage was alleviated."

IN THE DAYS that followed the stern warning issued by the City Fathers and the sudden display of altruism by the Japanese army, the price of rice continued to rise. There was not a single action against profiteers, no serious measures of control were instituted, and, apart from more or less abstract talk of how the Council might improve the situation by entering the market on its own account, nothing was done. Even the arrival of 150,000 piculs of rice from Saigon did not curb profiteering. Finally, the much-lauded "patience" of the people of Shanghai gave out. The Wing On Cotton Mill with 3,000 workers, the Native Products Company with 850, Sincere's with 800, and numerous other concerns such as the China Soap Co., the China Aluminium Rolling Mills, etc. were tied up by strikes. Among the unemployed and occasional workers, serious riots broke out. There were twenty cases of attacks on rice shops and warehouses on December 17 alone.

DURING ALL THIS TIME, the Japanese army held the key to the situation. The same spokesman who had announced the intention of the military to put an end to the situation was saying, on the 17th, that the promised rice would be brought in "probably very soon," although "generally speaking, plans

XMAS PARTY  
AT MILITARY  
HOSPITAL

The Christmas party held for R.A.M.C. children on Wednesday night easily excelled all other similar events of previous years. The Concert Hall at the Bowen Road Hospital was beautifully decorated, streamers, balloons, and flags filling the room with a gay, happy atmosphere.

For the surprise of the evening a real, live Santa Claus, at the command of a lovely fairy princess who appeared from nowhere, breezed his way down the chimney right into the arms of the eager kiddies who held on to him as though they wanted to keep him until at least next Xmas. However, the fairy princess came to his rescue in reminding him he had other journeys to make and so, in bidding farewell to the tune of "Old Acquaintance," the King of Toys vanished up the chimney in his usual manner.

And so the evening passed, carrying with it a vote of thanks to S/Sgt. Stevens, Cpl. Hildyard and Co., whose enterprising efforts resulted in such tasteful decorations.

Also to Mrs. Simson and Mrs. Macfarlane who, with the help of other willing workers, provided the "Yuletide" touch to the tables. Honours however are extended to Peggy Raeburn, the Fairy Princess and Sgt. Pomeroy, "Santa," both giving very convincing performances. Hooley!!! for Christmas.

FAIR & ACCURATE  
NEWS REPORTS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—In a leading article this morning, addressed to foreign correspondents, the China Central Daily News, official organ of the Chinese Government, expresses gratification at the fairness and accuracy of news reports filed by foreign pressmen in China in the two years of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

"The journal, however," hopes that correspondents, in spite of the war in Europe, would continue to "cover" Chinese news fully and also personally keep editors in their home offices informed of the actual conditions in China.

IN THE COLONY of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1939, there were altogether 69 traffic accidents as the result of which 2 persons were killed and 19 persons were injured.

have not been entirely completed." At that very moment, Japanese army outposts were holding up huge commercial shipments of the staple at Soochow Creek and Jessfield, and a correspondent saw 14,000 piculs piled up behind the barrier at one point (Markham Road) alone. This at a time when, though prices within the Settlement still stood at about \$45, a picul could be bought at Hungjao, on the outskirts, for all of ten dollars cheaper. But, as the North China Daily News remarked—"try to bring it in. Cars and other vehicles and bundles of all descriptions are said to be searched when crossing the perimeter from the West."

FINALLY, BY DINT OF SMUGGLING, imports from Saigon, action by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and above all the fact that "many merchants were discouraged by the rice riots and those who possessed large quantities of grain tried to sell as much as possible," the market became a little easier.

THE SITUATION is, however, still critical and the artificial rice shortage threatens the Settlement and Concession with social ruin and places before the four million people sheltered within their borders the alternative of either starving or moving into the Japanese-occupied areas—just what the invaders want. In the meantime, the noble Samurai of the Imperial Army continue to drool their "sympathy" for the poor of the city and at the same time to keep a close grip on the staple which, to these poor, is life itself.

LAUNCHING AT  
K. DOCKS

Continued from page 5

MR. E. COCK

Mr. E. Cock, on behalf of the Kowloon Dock, said:—In 1924 I first met Australians in Australia when I went to Sydney in connection with the proposal to build Chanste and Taping in Hongkong. Again in 1926 I was at Sydney and on both occasions I found an overwhelming hospitality and great kindnesses.

Naturally therefore I look forward to another visit, as soon as it can be arranged and I shall be able to go there with confidence knowing well that our staff have done all they can with always an eye on the cost thereof I hope, to give the Owners of the eight ships to which the Chairman referred at least a little more than they bargained for. For these reasons I am grateful to the staff working under me and I thank you for your ready acceptance of the toast proposed by Mr. Barker.

## SEASON OF PEACE

We are in the season of peace and goodwill and so I may be permitted to say that I like the men of Hongkong, that I count myself lucky especially in the men I serve as well as in those who serve under me. It was therefore with the greatest of personal pleasure that I received the nomination of our Chairman's wife to christen the Karuah and this pleasure doubled when I have regard to Mrs. Dodwell herself. I am happy to offer Mrs. Dodwell this memento of the occasion and our token of thanks and esteem. (Mrs. Dodwell was presented with a pair of diamond earrings).

I recollect that Mrs. Dodwell's christian name is Joyce. So Ladies and Gentlemen, "Re Joyce let us rejoice" and I ask you to drink Mrs. Dodwell's health and happiness accordingly.

## DESCRIPTION OF SHIP

The Karuah is a steel single screw steamer being built for The Newcastle & Hunter River Steamship Co., Ltd., Sydney, Australia, by the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. at their Kowloon Docks.

The vessel is of the Shelter Deck Type with machinery and tonnage opening aft and has the following dimensions:

Length O.A. 242 ft., Length Perp. 230 ft., Breadth Mid. 38 ft., Depth to Shelter Deck 24 ft., Gross tonnage about 1,200 tons.

She is built to Lloyd's highest class and has been specially strengthened in excess of their requirements for the particular trade in which she will be used and to conform to the latest requirements of the Board of Trade and Australian Navigation Act.

Cargo is handled through 2 large hatches by 3 steel tubular derricks for lifts of 3 and 5 tons. She also has a heavy derrick suitable for 15 tons lifts. All the derricks are worked by steam winches supplied by Clarke Chapman and Carron & Co. An electric elevator capable of handling 250 lbs. packages is fitted for the rapid handling of small packages to or from No. 2 Hold or the Tween Deck to the Upper Deck.

## 12 PASSENGERS

At the after end there is accommodation for 12 passengers in 2 berth staterooms. The officers, engineers and crews are all accommodated in the Tween Deck and steel houses aft.

Thermotank ventilation is fitted to this accommodation. A large dining saloon and smoke room is provided. Electric lighting is fitted throughout the vessel. The propelling machinery built by The North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., Wallsend, consists of a set of triple-expansion reciprocating engines of modern design, taking superheated steam from two Babcock & Wilcox marine water tube boilers.

The boilers are arranged for burning coal, which is fed to the furnaces by Babcock-Erith-Roe 3-retort near ashing-type stockers.

Forced and induced draught to boilers are provided by Howden's fans.

All auxiliaries are independent of the Main Engine.

## SUPERHEATED STEAM

For the supply of electric current two electric generating sets are provided, one driven by a steam engine, and the other by a Diesel engine. Advantage is taken of the superheated steam for driving all engine room auxiliaries, and deck machinery.

During construction the vessel has been under the constant supervision of the Owners' representative, Mr. C. W. J. Barker.

## LIST OF GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Abbott, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson and Miss

ANNUAL XMAS  
DINNER PARTY  
FOR SERVICES

The annual Christmas Dinner party for Servicemen was held last night at the Sailor's and Soldiers' Home. The Chaplain, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, presided.

The Party will be extended to tonight to accommodate a further 150 Service guests.

Following an enjoyable concert last night, the guests were entertained with a display of Chinese pugilistic art, comprising sword fencing and boxing, under the direction of the pugilist instructor, Mr. Ip Yue-ting, who had arrived recently from Peiping.

Mr. J. Fountain (piano solos), Mr. W. Simpson (humorist), Mrs. Wood (monologues), Mr. Chas. Sgt. Connor, Mr. Sandbach and H.M.S. Danae, Trio contributed in no small measure to the success of the programme.

## NURSING LECTURES

The Auxiliary Nursing Service timetable of lectures and demonstrations is as follows:—

First Aid, Surgeon Capt. Hobbs, Royal Naval Hospital, Thursday, January 4, 5.30 p.m.

Home Nursing, Dr. Mary Gordon King, Queen Mary Hospital, Monday, January 8, 5.30 p.m.

Home Nursing, Dr. Rosenbloom, Kowloon Hospital (Outpatients), Friday, January 5, 5.30 p.m.

The number of candidates attending any of these classes will be limited to 40. Further lectures will follow after these are completed.

Fiona Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews and Masters R. and D. Andrews, Miss H. Balchin, Mr. D. C. W. Barker, Mr. R. L. Barkus, Mr. Maurice Barton, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bell, Mr. D. T. Bentley, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. O. Bjerke, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Blakey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Black, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Black and Miss Black, Mr. W. C. Botcherby, Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, Professor W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Calmar, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Church, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Churn, Mrs. E. Cock, Mr. Cole, Mr. Cloake, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crookdale, Mr. E. W. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dewar, Miss M. D'Almada G. A. Dimond, Mr. and Mrs. D. Drummond, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Misses D. P. and P. Dodwell;

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Mr. J. H. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johannessen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kadoorie, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Mr. C. Kauffholz, Mr. B. J. Lacom, Mr. Justice and Mrs. R. E. Lindsay and Miss Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Landale, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lambert, Mr. J. F. Lowrie, Hon. Mr. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lock, Mr. H. F. Long, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McAdam, Captain Mullins, Paymaster Captain and Mrs. W. Mc Bride, and Master John McBride, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. C. Marton, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. R. McCammon, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Morrison, Mr. A. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacIndoe, Major and Mrs. C. M. Mannes, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. T. Marshall, Col. and Mrs. A. G. Neville, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Mr. J. Ormiston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pearson, Commodore and Mrs. A. M. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pritchard and Miss Pritchard, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Purves, Mr. J. Prentice, Mr. W. Paxton, Mr. J. V. Ramsay, Mr. T. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rowcliffe, Brigadier and Mrs. J. T. W. Reeve and Miss Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robertson and Master Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Russell, Mr. T. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scott, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Wing-Comdr. and Mrs. A. R. S. Steele-Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Southard, Mr. G. Swan, Mr. Strong;

Brigadier and Mrs. A. B. Thomson, Miss H. Turnbull, Captain Thaysen, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine, Mr. A. H. Veltman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Winter, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Williamson, Mr. J. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. L. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden.



Photographed at the last Extra Race meeting of the season at the Valley.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## WAR ORPHANS

To the Editor, Hongkong Daily Press

Dear Sir—The Committee and Staff of The National Association for the Care of War Orphans was surprised—not to say distressed—to read an account of the supposed conditions in their Orphanage—in the H.K. Daily Press.

The story—which had obviously come from a certain unreliable source well known to the Committee was one which has recently been investigated, and found to be almost entirely untrue.

Like most institutions where children of all ages and classes, and coming from such different districts are housed, this orphanage has had its minor ups-and-downs. Children will occasionally rebel against the kindest authority—and they will sometimes fight amongst themselves.

However they are extremely healthy and happy on the whole, and they are enormously interested in the industrial work which they are developing, and which, it is confidently hoped, will eventually make them a self-supporting unit in the chain of similar institutions all over China. Our wooden toy, Artificial Flower, and paper novelty making has rapidly become a flourishing wholesale business supplying the local trade and it is hoped to begin export overseas in the New Year. Meantime the children's general education is carried on thoroughly; and when a child shows a particular aptitude for a subject which it is not possible to teach him in the Orphanage—such as engineering—we do our best to arrange for him to be transferred to a more suitable school.

The present Orphanage—B Block of the old G.C.H. is not an up-to-date or particularly suitable structure, but we are grateful for the loan of it while we are waiting for the completion of the very nice new buildings at Fanling generously donated by Mr. An Boon Haw. Meanwhile we hope that the Public will not believe the fabrications which unscrupulous people may choose to spread.

We are only too pleased to show genuinely interested people what is being done for our Boys and Girls, and we are confident that none can fail to see for themselves that our children are well cared for, healthy, and above all things really happy.

D. E. HOLE.

[The Hongkong Daily Press did not, as is inferred in Mrs. Hole's letter, rely on any one source for its information. Our reporter consulted many informed people, including members of the Committee, and went through much evidence before writing his story. No one will be happier than ourselves to hear that the conditions described have been successfully overcome since the reorganisation and to give due publicity to every real improvement.—Ed.]

## LOCAL ESTATE

The late Mr. Samuel Logan Johnston, who died at St. George's Nursing Home, Royston, Cambridge, as an early match on the Boundary on June 30 last, left local estate at \$2,700.

An application by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor and lawful attorney, for sealing certified copy loan Court yesterday on Mr. L. R. of probate of the will has been approved.

Viscount K. Inouye of Tokyo will arrive in the Colony today aboard a Japanese steamer. The Viscount, former Vice-President of the South Manchurian Railroad and member of the House of Peers is en route to Manila.

Nineteen cases of tuberculosis, five cases of dysentery, three cases of enteric fever, one case of cerebro-spinal fever and one case of chicken-pox were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 20.

BRITISH TRADE  
FIGURES SHOW  
INCREASES

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Discussing trade figures, the Daily Telegraph stresses that exports in November were fifty per cent. up over October. This is cheering news, as both foodstuffs and raw materials show a substantial increase all round.

## MUCH LEeway

There is much leeway to make up, but the figures are interesting as showing that the tendency is strongly set in the direction of recovery.

The Yorkshire Post points out that in the last war recovery was very slow.

"We owe the present happy position equally to the enterprise of traders and the fine work of our sailors."

The paper warns, however, that this improvement must be maintained. "For it is just as true of Britain as of Germany, that we must export or perish."

FORTHCOMING  
WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Sidney Alfred Fowler, land bailiff, Public Works Department, and Miss Violet Margaret Lillian Bradbury, of No. 16 Braga Circuit, Kowloon;

Mr. Francis Stanislaus O'Neill, company manager, residing at the Y.M.C.A., and Miss Dulcie Jean Neville, Bruce Street, Cummoek, New South Wales;

Mr. James Poon, reporter, South China Morning Post, and Miss Rose Young, of No. 75 Wongnei-chong Road, first floor;

Mr. George Piry, clerk of the Far Eastern Oxygen, and Acetylene Co., Ltd., of No. 348 Matauwei Road, and Miss So Wal-chan, of the same address;

Mr. Wong Chi-keung, of the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., and Miss Anna Kam, of No. 23 Calne Road;

Mr. Tong Yau-chuep, alias Tong Siu-sik, merchant, of No. 90 Robinson Road, and Miss Yeung King-yin, of No. 10 Mosque Street;

Mr. Tseng Siu-hau, merchant, of No. 22 Granville Road, and Miss Laura Tan, of No. 45B Hillwood Road.

## DENEbola ARRIVES

The inward mid-week service of Imperial Airways from Bangkok arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 4.50 p.m. Mail load from all Empire ports totalled 243 kibs.

The plane, R.M.A. Denebola, under the command of Captain Brunton, carried three passengers, Mr. Ew Jeng, N. Ohnishi and Mr. A. U-Hag.

The inward week-end service of Imperial Airways due at Kai Tak on Sunday is 24 hours behind schedule owing to late connections with the main Empire route flying-boat and will not arrive until Monday afternoon.

In addition to the 1st Division League match Kwong Wah v. Eastern, Kwong Wah 2nd XI will play the Durham Light Infantry Nursing Home, Royston, Cambridge, as an early match on the Boundary Street ground on Sunday.

Fines totalling \$40 were imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday on Mr. L. R. Brown of No. 5, La Salle Road, summoned for having, on two occasions, driven a car with no front lights in Nathan Road and in Salisbury Road, for failing to keep to the left of the road, for failing to obey a traffic signal and for failing to stop when signalled to do so.

At the Y's Men's Clubiffin at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday, Mr. Richard C. H. Lim, former Hongkong barrister who recently returned from Singapore, gave an account of his journey. Mr. S. B. Tan presided, there being a large number of members present.

G. R.  
NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1940:—

- (1) Private Rickshaw and Driver Licences.
- (2) Private Chair and Driver Licences.
- (3) Tricycle and Driver Licences.
- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences.
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before relicensing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2nd, and January 24th, 1940.

T. H. KING,  
Commissioner of Police.  
Hong Kong, 22nd Dec., 1939.

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G. R.  
NOTICE

During the holiday period the office of the Controller of Trade will be open only from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 24th and 26th December, and will be closed entirely on Christmas Day.

E. W. HAMILTON,  
Superintendent of Imports and Exports and Controller of Trade.

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CHINA LIGHT AND POWER  
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## NOTICE

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd December, 1939, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFERS BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 1st December, 1939, to Friday, 22nd December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN V. BRAGA,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 15th Nov., 1939.

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# NAZIS HAVE SUCCESSFUL "FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION": EXAGGERATED CLAIMS TO ACTIVITY OF GERMAN AIR FORCE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—At least six German fighters on Monday were of the new type known as M.E.-110. The Germans call them "destroyer planes."

German fighters made some forty attacks on our machines. One R.A.F. bomber brought down five enemy aircraft.

On its way home it was attacked several times and eventually got away with both front and rear gunners wounded and the centre gun and wireless out of action.

## EXAGGERATED CLAIMS

The Germans continue to make widely exaggerated claims concerning flights of their planes.

Semi-official circles in London comment sarcastically that the most successful Nazi flights are their flights of imagination!

## 17 PLANES LOST IN TWO BATTLES

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The German Air Force lost seventeen planes in two air battles over Heligoland Bight since last Thursday.

The cost of the Nazi coastal defence is in sharp contrast to that of the R.A.F. for British coastal defence.

During October and November the Nazis lost 21 machines in raids on the British coast, while the R.A.F. Coastal Command lost not one single machine.

# RE-OPENING OF YANGTSE: MANY DIFFICULTIES TO BE OVERCOME

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—While noting with satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of partially re-opening the Yangtze River, well-informed circles in Paris do not underestimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

## CONVOY SYSTEM

It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The news that the Japanese are to re-open navigation in the Yangtze up to Nanking to merchant traffic of all nations has naturally been welcomed, says The Times city notes.

It is the first direct step towards the restoration of Shanghai's great entrepot trade, but the actual effect of the move is, in reality, unlikely to be very great.

The development is a hopeful sign and, as such, has found reflection in a firmer tendency for the Chinese dollar.

## JAPANESE WARNING

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A warning to foreign powers that a cynical and sceptical acceptance of the Japanese gesture in re-opening a section of the Yangtze might embitter Japanese public opinion and hinder the Japanese Government's endeavours to make further concessions throughout China was made by the Japanese Embassy spokesman this afternoon at a press conference.

# Nazis' Lack Of Confidence In Ultimate Success: Lord Chatfield Reviews The War

LONDON, DEC. 21 (REUTER).—LORD CHATFIELD, MINISTER FOR CO-ORDINATION OF DEFENCE, BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, SAID THAT THE REASON GERMANY HAS NOT LAUNCHED EITHER A LAND ATTACK AGAINST ALLIED FORCES, OR A VAST AIR ASSAULT ON BRITAIN WAS BECAUSE SHE HAS NOT GOT CONFIDENCE THAT SHE COULD THUS SUCCEED.

One of the vital chapters of the war is now being written. Whatever she might say, Germany needed a short war and her move was to break the British Navy's grip on her supplies and defeat us where we were most vulnerable, yet the strongest—on the sea.

When Germany signed the Conventions to use submarines and mines lawfully, she had not the slightest intention of keeping her word. The mines were designed with all the devilish ingenuity that Germany is capable of and had not been suddenly produced. They had long been in store like a burglar's jemmy.

# BLINDING SNOWSTORMS SWEEP OVER FINLAND'S BATTLE FRONTS AS WAR GOES ON

HELSINKI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A series of violent attacks on the Mannerheim Line after a heavy and prolonged artillery bombardment, all collapsed after a footing had been gained temporarily at several points.

Over 100 tanks supported the attacks and the biggest array of aircraft since the invasion began bombed the Finnish positions and towns behind the lines.

The Finnish troops fought with grim determination and the Russian losses are considerable. Numerous tanks were captured inside the Finnish lines and others were destroyed before reaching the main defence system.

Twenty Russian planes were brought down, fourteen by Finnish fighters and six by anti-aircraft fire.

A number of civilians were killed and civilian property set on fire during the intense bombings of towns behind the Mannerheim Line. Large areas were left as blazing ruins after the Red bombers had passed over.

The class of 1899 has now been called to the colours by the Finnish Government.

## SEVERE WEATHER

Fighting in the North has been brought to a standstill by severe weather. It was 54 degrees below zero at midday yesterday and

# CHRISTMAS TRUCE PROBABLE

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Something in the way of a Christmas Truce on the Western Front is semi-officially promised by the Germans—if the other side does not attack. This was forecast by well-informed circles in Berlin yesterday following Herr Hitler's departure from Berlin.

## NO OFFENSIVES

The Germans, says these quarters, will not embark on any land offensives during the holidays.

Neutral observers attach considerable importance to the visit of the Papal Nuncio to the Wilhelmstrasse, but whether or not it was in connection with the slackening of the prosecution of the war until the end of the year could not be ascertained.

# CHINESE ENVOY SEES ROOSEVELT

## China Not So Hard Pressed As Believed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Havas).—President Roosevelt gave an audience yesterday to the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Hu Shih.

After the audience, Mr. Hu Shih told the press that he had informed the President that the Chinese armies were taking the offensive on all fronts.

## NOT HARD PRESSED

"I also tried to tell the President that we are not so hard pressed as many people imagine."

"The interruption in transportation caused by the recent invasion of southern China was not very important and we are building new roads to replace the interrupted lines of communications."

"We are starting a series of offensives on all frontiers and are quite confident that we may hear reports of victory soon."

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King received Admiral Darlan at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—It was officially announced that unidentified aircraft appeared for a short time over the eastern counties yesterday evening.

QUITO, ECUADOR, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister has telegraphed the League of Nations expressing Ecuador's willingness to lend "all possible humanitarian aid" to Finland.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—According to a message to the Sun Wan Pao, preparations are being made to establish a branch office of the National Reconstruction Savings Association in Kwelin.

## SERIOUS REASONS

Special to the H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Dec. 21 (Havas).—With the increase of Soviet pressure against Finland threatening vital lines of communication with the north and north-east, politicians here are of the opinion that the Allies will have serious practical reasons to assist Finland since the latter's resistance can contribute to a decrease in the extent of Soviet aid to Germany.

Hence, they stated, the Allied Supreme War Council's decision to help Finland despite the needs of the British and French armies.

# Singapore Chinese Mission To Visit Fronts, Refugees

SINGAPORE, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Through the initiative of Mr. Tan Kah-kee, well-known Singapore Chinese and newspaper magnate, the organisation of an Overseas Chinese Mission to China, comprising 60 members, is under way with the view of visiting Chinese fighters at the fronts and refugees at the rear.

Large quantities of medical supplies and gifts will be carried by the Mission.

Mr. Tan has telegraphed Chinese leaders in Malaya, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma and Indo-China asking

them to despatch delegates to Singapore to join the Mission.

The Mission will be sub-divided into six sections which will cover North, Central and South China. The Mission is expected to be in China for six months leaving Singapore about March.

# WESTERN FRONT

## PATROL RAIDS BY GERMANS

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The recent bitter wintry weather on the Western Front has been succeeded by a thaw and cold, sleety rain has been falling. These conditions hampered air operations on the front itself but favoured long distance flights.

## RECONNAISSANCE

While British planes visited both German seaplane bases in North Germany, German reconnaissance machines flew over North, North-West and Western France.

Land activity continues with minor local operations and four unsuccessful enemy patrol raids on a wide front between the Moselle and the Vosges. It was reported by authoritative military circles yesterday.

## WAR COMMUNIQUE

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Last night's war communiqué stated that no events of importance occurred during the day.

# COMMANDER OF SCUTTLED NAZI POCKET BATTLESHIP COMMITS SUICIDE

## COLLISION IN FOG

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A British troopship had a recent escape from a disastrous collision by a few feet, it was disclosed last night.

The second ship, also British, which was outward bound, has returned to a British port for repair.

## DENSE FOG

The incident happened in a dense fog. The ships passed so close to each other that the lifeboats, swung out on davits on the smaller vessel, were stove in and some actually carried away.

The troopship arrived with slight damage to her super-structure.

ROME, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A weekly air mail service between Italy and Rio de Janeiro has been inaugurated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The German Embassy announced that Captain Landsdorf, Commander of the Graf Spee, committed suicide. He shot himself dead with a revolver at the Buenos Aires Naval Arsenal last night and his body was found in the morning.

## SACRIFICED HIS LIFE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A German Embassy communiqué states: "The Commander of the glorious cruiser Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Landsdorf, last night sacrificed his life for his country by voluntary self-immolation."

"From the outset he decided to share the fate of his fine ship and only personal influences and due consideration for his responsibility for the successful disembarkation of the crew of more than 1,000 men, led him to postpone the fulfilment of his intention until his duty done and his superiors fully informed of the situation."

"This mission ended, he bowed to destiny, a brave sailor, who has written another page to the glory of the German Navy."

Before his suicide, Captain Landsdorf wrote a letter to the German Ambassador, in which he said that when he received the order to scuttle the Graf Spee, he intended, after disembarking his

crew, to die on board in the explosion.

## TRADITION VIOLATED

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The news, just received, that Captain Landsdorf has committed suicide bears out the view previously taken that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was directly ordered by Herr Hitler and that her ignominious end is as great a violation of the traditions of the old German Navy as the cowardly sinking of defenceless merchantmen and trawlers.

## UNPLEASANT SHOCK

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The news of Captain Landsdorf's suicide came as an unpleasant shock to German official circles, Reuter learns from Berlin.

The Propaganda Ministry has not yet decided whether, or in what form, the news can be published in the newspapers.

## SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS

## MILITARY HONOURS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Havas).—The Navy Ministry has ordered military honours to be rendered by the Argentine Marines at Commander Landsdorf's funeral.

## STILL ALIVE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Argentinian newspapers publish reports this morning stating that it is being persistently rumoured that Captain Landsdorf is still alive and well hours after the German announcement of suicide.

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE  
CLOSING QUOTATIONS  
DECEMBER 21, 1939

On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4	
On Shanghai:—	On demand 300
On Singapore:—	On demand 59 3/4
On Japan:—	On demand 103 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 1/8
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4	
On Batavia:—	On demand 45 1/2
On Paris:—	Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4	
On Saigon:—	On demand 108 1/2
On Manila:—	On demand 48 7/8
On Bangkok:—	On demand 149 1/2
Sterling Notes:—	Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz. 33 7/16	

## Market Report

**FROM ROZA BROS.**  
Silver prices, dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 7/16 for Ready and 23 5/8 for Forward. Silver advances a small market. The market was idle. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 395.

**Market**  
Sterling  
There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, 1/231/32 February/March and 1/215/16 April/June, buyers 1/31/32 Cash, 1/3 February, U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24 5/8 December, 24 1/2 January and 24 3/8 February, buyers at 24 11/16 Cash, 24 9/16 January and 24 7/16 February.

**Shanghai Dollars**  
Opened with sellers at 317. The highest rate touched was 322 and at the close at 1 p.m. sellers were quoted at 319 for Spot.

**Shanghai Market**  
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 44 3/8 and closed at noon with sellers at 42 1/2 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers of Spot at 7 1/16 and closed with sellers for Spot at 7 1/2.

**Afternoon Market**  
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

**Sterling**  
There were sellers at 1/3 December, 1/231/32 March, 1/215/16 June, buyers 1/31/32 Cash, 1/3 February.

**U.S. Dollars**  
Sellers at 24 5/8 Dec. 24 1/2 January, 24 3/8 February. Buyers at 24 11/16 Cash, 24 9/16 January, and 24 7/16 February.

**Shanghai Dollars**  
Sellers for Spot were quoted at 313 at the close.

**Shanghai Market**  
Sterling sellers for Spot at 42 1/2.

**Shanghai Exchange**  
Shanghai, Dec. 21 (Reuter).  
Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4  
New York 6-7/8  
Japan 28-1/4  
India 23-1/2  
Paris 311  
Hongkong 28-1/4

**Sellers**  
Opening Closing  
Spot 0/4-21/32 0/4-43/64  
Dec. 0/4-21/32 0/4-43/64  
Jan. 0/4-5/8 0/4-5/8

**U.S. Dollars**  
Spot 77-21/32 77-11/16  
Dec. 7-5/8 7-21/32  
Jan. 7-17/32 7-9/16

**Merchant Rates**  
Sterling, 0/4-19/32  
U.S. Dollars, 77-9/16

**Silver Duty Rate**  
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d, unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent

**India Rupee Paper**  
Bombay, Dec. 20 (Reuter).  
Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-10-0 nominal.

**Calcutta Exchange**  
Calcutta, Dec. 20 (Reuter).  
T.T. on Japan, 80-3/8.

**New York Exchange**  
New York, Dec. 20 (Reuter).  
T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 394-3/4.

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW  
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER				
Previous day December 20				
SPOT	Opening	Closing	Change	
JAN-MARCH	39-5/8	39-1/4	off 3/8	
APRIL-MARCH	39-1/4	38-7/8	off 1/4	
APRIL-MARCH	37-3/8	37-1/8	off 1/4	

LONDON RUBBER				
Previous close Today's close				
SPOT	buyer	seller	Change	
JAN-MARCH	11-7/8	11-3/4	off 1/8	
APRIL-MARCH	11-7/8	11-11/16	off 3/16	
APRIL-MARCH	11-3/4	11-5/8	off 1/8	

**NEW YORK COTTON:** Hedge selling and Bombay liquidation today resulted in an easier tendency but offerings were comparatively light. January position was conspicuously firm. There was some Trade demand and price-fixing on the scale down.

**NEW YORK RUBBER:** London offerings were freer and demand was slow.

**CHICAGO WHEAT:** There has been snow in the North-West and forecast of moisture in parts of the South-West, while lack of demand is offset by expectations of a bullish winter acreage condition tomorrow. Substantial loan withdrawals are reported.

**NEW YORK STOCKS:** Previous close, 148.93; Today's close, 149.13; Change, 20.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

New York Cotton				
High	Low	Close	Change	
10.73	10.62	10.71	0.08	off
19.35	19.13	19.47	19.13	34 off
10.62	10.51	10.6	10.51	21 off
59 1/2	58	59 1/2	58 1/2	11 off
15.35	15.01	15.32	15.01	31 off
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	10.85/86	10.75/86a	10.85/86	unch.
March	10.71/72	10.68/66	10.63/66	0.08 off
May	10.35/35	10.27/26	10.25/28	10 off
July	10.00/05	9.94/93	9.88/88	14 off
July (New contract)	10.25/25	10.17/13	10.10 N	15 off
October	9.60/60	9.48/47	9.40/40	20 off
December	9.53/53	9.43/43	9.32/32	21 off
Spot	11.14 N		11.06 N	0.08 off
Volume (in contract of 100 bales each)				
				135,500 bales
Note: January cotton, first notice day: 26/12/39 last notice day: 17/1/40.				

**NEW YORK RUBBER**  
December 20.35b/40a  
March 19.47/48  
May 19.12/14  
July 18.95/95  
September 18.70b/75a  
Note: December rubber, last notice day: 27/12/39.  
Total sales for the day: 1,150 tons.

**CHICAGO WHEAT**  
December 108 1/2/108 1/2  
May 106 1/2/106 1/2  
July 104 1/2/104 1/2  
Tuesday's sales: 70,417,000 bushels.

**CHICAGO CORN**  
December 57 1/2/57 1/2  
May 59 1/2/59 1/2  
July 60 1/2/60 1/2

**WINNIPEG WHEAT**  
December 87 1/2/87 1/2  
May 90 1/2/90 1/2  
July 90 1/2/90 1/2

**NEW YORK HIDES**  
March 15.32/37  
June 15.85/87  
New York, Official 34-3/4  
NY-London Cross Rate 3.95

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS' SERVICE)  
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952) 92-5/16  
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 17  
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 56  
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 47  
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45  
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 25  
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 35  
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 12  
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 55  
Homan Rly. 5% 15  
Tokuang Rly. 5%, 1911 17  
Tokuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 18  
Long Tsing & U. Rai Rly. 5% 1913 18  
Shah-N'king Rly. 5% 20  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 14  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 14  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 14  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 14  
ap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907 49 1/2

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 56  
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 54  
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 82  
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Col. Reg.) 84 1/2  
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 17  
Chosen Corporation 8 1/8  
Pekin Syndicate 1 1/8  
Shanghai Elec. Constr. Co. 13  
Shanghai Waterworks "A" 12  
Union Insurance 23 1/2  
Gula Kalumpung Rubber 23 1/8  
Allied Ironfounders 14 1/8  
Asso. & Elec. Industries 38 1/8  
Austin Motors, ord. 16 1/2  
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 56 1/2  
B.A. Tob. (bearer) 91 3/8  
Mercantile Bank 11 1/8  
Camell Laird, ord. 8 1/4  
Mexican Eagle 8 1/8  
Courtaulds 36 1/4  
Distillers 66 1/4  
Dunlop Rubber 30 3/8  
Gen. Electric (England) 74 1/8  
Guinness (A) Son & Co. 78 1/8  
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft 15 1/4  
Bristol Aeroplane 14 1/4  
Imperial Chemical Ind. 29  
Imperial Tobacco 118 1/8  
Marks & Spencer "A" ord. 83 1/8  
Rolls Royce 87 1/8  
Leyland Motors 87 1/8  
Tate & Lyle 57  
Turner & Newall 66  
United Steel 20 1/8  
Smethwick Drop Forge 13 1/8  
Armstrong Stevens, ord. 6

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE  
QUOTATION

STOCKS		STOCKS	
Last Sale		Last Sale	
Dec. 20		Dec. 20	
Adams Express	8	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	3 1/2
Allegany Steel Co.	22	Lockheed Aircraft	29 1/2
Allied Stores	9 1/2	Loew's Inc.	34
Allis Chalmers	39 1/2	Mac Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	96	Manhattan Shirt Co.	39 1/2
Amerad Corp.	112	Martin, Glen L.	39 1/2
American Cyanamid B	33	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	106 1/2
Amer. Can.	11	Monsanto Chemical	54 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	24	Montgomery Ward	13 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	22 1/2	Nat. Distillers	22 1/2
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2	National Gypsum	11
Amer. Rolling Mill	10 1/2	National Lead	20 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	51	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	20 1/2	National Steel Corp.	70
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	169 1/2	Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83 1/2	New York Central	18 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	6
Anaconda Copper	31 1/2	N. American Aviation	25 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2	North American Co.	22
Auburn Motors	2 1/2	Northern Pacific	8 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2	Pacific Lighting	47 1/2
Bendix Aviation	26 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	82 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	22	Phelps-Dodge	41 1/2
Borg-Warner	23 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Biggs Manufacturing	21 1/2	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	13 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	40
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	47 1/2	Pullman Inc.	32
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	4 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Case J. I.	71 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2
Celanese	29 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pfd.	25 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	89 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	42 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	40 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	23 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	81 1/2	Republic Steel	23 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	8	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	14
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	85	Reynold Tobac. "B"	38 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	44 1/2	Richfield Oil	8
Com. & Southern (ord.)	1 1/2	Safeway Stores	47 1/2
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7	Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 pfd.	11 1/2
Continental Can.	43 1/2	Sears Roebuck	83
Continental Oil	23 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2
Corn Products	63	Southern Pacific	15
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2	Southern Ry 5 1/2 pfd.	33 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Sperry	45 1/2
Deere & Co.	23 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	80 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	2
Du Pont de Nemours	17 1/2	Standard Oil of Calif.	24 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	29 1/2	Stons & Webster	41 1/2
Elec. Autolite	37 1/2	Studebaker Com.	9 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2	Swift International	32
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	58 1/2	Technicolor	13
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	87 1/2	Texas Corp.	43 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pfd.	30 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	32 1/2
Flintkote	20 1/2	Trans-America Co.	8
Gen. American Trans.	55	20th Cent. Fox	11 1/2
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Gen. Railway Signal	18	Union Pacific	95 1/2
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Gillette Co.	17 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	14 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 1/2	United Corp.	23
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Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2	United Gas Improvement	14 1/2
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Hercules Powder Co.	88 1/2	U.S. Steel	67
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International Harvester	61 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
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Int. Tel. & Tel.	4	Westinghouse Elec.	117 1/2
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Kennecott Copper	38 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2

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1939		Dec. 21, 1939	
High	Low	High	Low
155.92	121.41	148.93	149.13
35.90	24.14	31.13	31.08
37.07	30.70	24.93	25.00
92.23	84.51	89.19	89.15
64.67	45.69	63.93	63.07
Commodity Index		Business Done:—\$10,000 shares	

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Standard, Cash 256 256-1/4

Standard, 3 months 255 255-1/4

Standard, Settlement Price 256-1/4

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Pressed Steel, com. 14

Vickers, ord. 16 3/8

Woolworths 61 1/2

Anglo-Dutch 27 3/8

Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust 34 1/4

Burma Corporation 11 1/8

Commonwealth Mining 15

Marsman Investments 38 1/8

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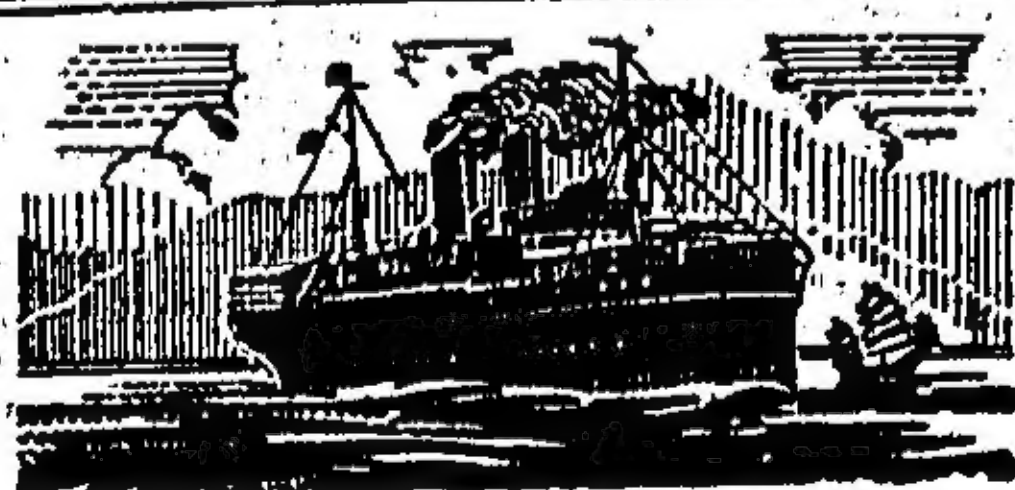
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From 22 to 28 Dec. 1939

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	22	h. m. a. m.	h. m. a. m.
		05 38 4.4	00 48 3.5
		18 08 6.4	11 31 3.3
Sat.	23	07 07 4.4	01 33 2.8
		18 44 7.0	12 13 3.4
Sun.	24	08 17 4.4	03 13 2.1
		19 28 7.5	12 58 3.4
Mon.	25	09 08 4.5	03 54 1.8
		20 03 8.0	13 37 3.4
Tues.	26	09 55 4.7	03 32 0.9
		20 46 8.3	14 19 3.4
Wed.	27	10 38 4.8	04 12 0.8
		21 30 8.5	14 52 3.3
Thur.	28	11 22 4.9	04 53 0.4
		22 17 8.4	15 41 3.3

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Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Dec. 21.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.22 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 59 per cent.

Wind Direction, N/W.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 65 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 60 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st

88.70 ins.

Against an average of, 84.78 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6.59 a.m.

4 p.m. Dec. 21.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.16 ins.

Temperature, 69 F.

Humidity, 54 per cent.

Wind Direction, W.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 72 F.

Minimum temperature, 60 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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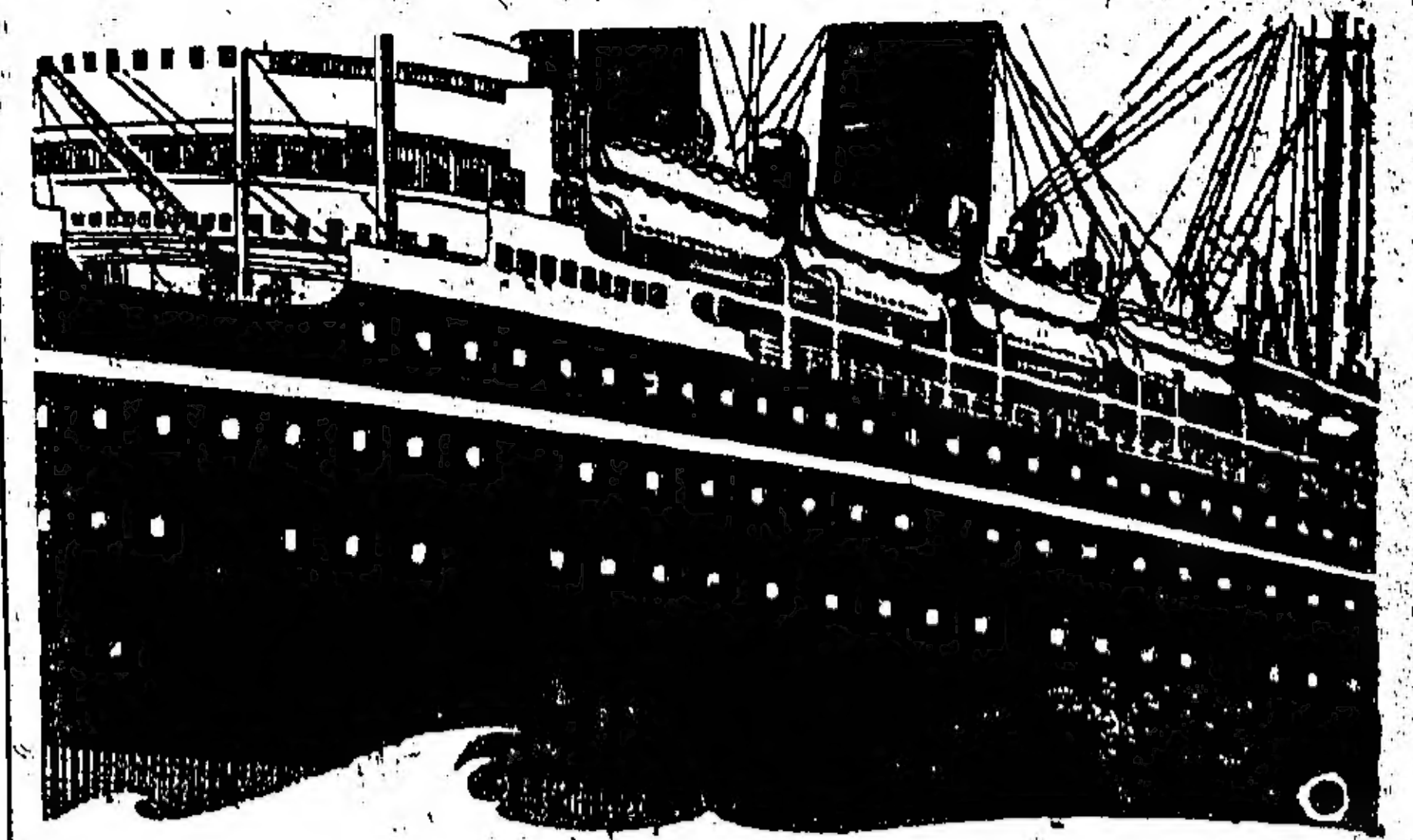
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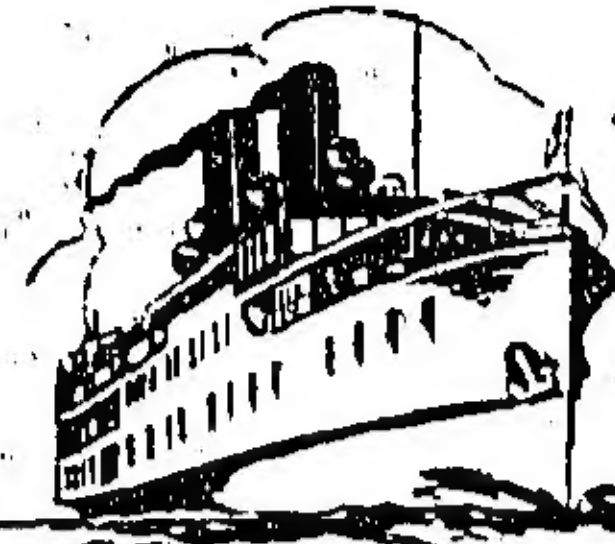
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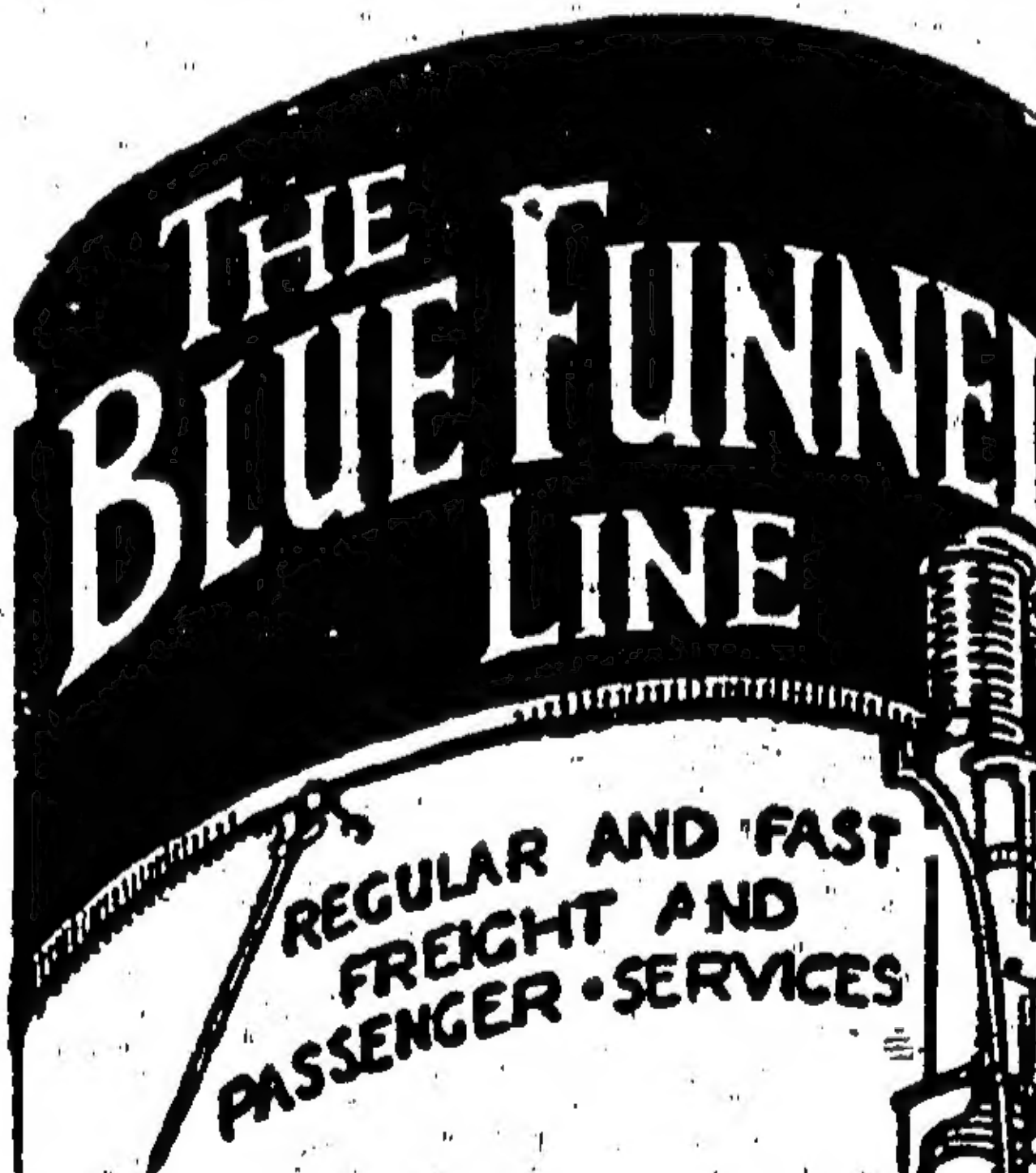
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# World War Might Have Broken Out In South Africa: General Smuts Reveals German Plans In The South-West

STANDERTON (TRANSVAAL), Dec. 21 (Reuter).—"If the South African Government had not taken over the police of South-West Africa in April, a world war might have broken out, not in Poland, but in South Africa," declared Gen. Smuts, Premier of South Africa, in a speech to his constituents.

Gen. Smuts added that but for the Government's quick action, an outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa.

## "MORAL EMBARGO" IMPOSED BY AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to impose a "moral embargo" on the sale of "plans, plants, manufacturing rights and technical information" necessary for the manufacture of high quality aviation spirit to countries engaged in unprovoked aerial bombing or machine-gunning of civilians.

The countries affected are not named but are understood to be the Soviet, Japan and possibly Germany, as a result of the Polish campaign.

Germany had followed, in South-west Africa the same technique of undermining and breaking the spirits and independence of the people as she did in Austria and Czechoslovakia. If Germany had regained South-West Africa, there was no doubt that the freedom and independence of South Africa would not have lasted long.

Loud applause greeted Gen. Smuts' remark that Germany, as a neighbour, was a threat, England, was South Africa's greatest friend.

## STRONG EVIDENCE

Gen. Smuts declared that there was the strongest documentary evidence to show how German eyes had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colonies. Germany was out not merely to remove old wrongs, but to seize all neighbouring nations and then to dominate the world.

Regarding the question of independence, Gen. Smuts said that no small nation could safeguard its freedom on its own feet.

If South-Africa seceded from the Empire, she would have to seek the guarantee of a great power and the only one possible was Britain.

## MOTION OF CONFIDENCE

A motion of confidence in Gen. Smuts was given with acclamation.

Political writers describe the meeting as a great personal triumph for Gen. Smuts, showing that his policy is increasingly supported as it becomes understood and the world situation develops.

# Latest Nazi Frigatfulness At Sea—Trawlers Bombed, Crews Machine-Gunned

LONDON, DEC. 21 (REUTER).—BOMBING UNARMED TRAWLERS—SPRAYING HELPLESS CREWS WITH MACHINE-GUN FIRE—BUT TURNING TAIL WHEN FACED WITH ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES.

Eye-witness accounts of this latest form of German air activity in the North Sea was given today by grim-faced Scottish trawlermen, when they brought their battered vessels and dead and wounded into port.

The Aberdeen trawler Star of Scotland's skipper, describing the attack, said: "The plane circled round us with bullets as we tried to launch a small boat."

## TURNED TAIL

The skipper's son said that the German plane turned tail when R.A.F. planes were sighted.

Three other trawlers—one with survivors from a sunk trawler—reached port after attacks by German planes.

The skipper of Isabella Grieg, which was sunk by bombs, said that two of his crew were wounded when attacked by two Heinkels.

He said that even after the crew had abandoned the ship, German bombers opened fire on the life-boat and dropped more bombs.

## LATEST VICTIM

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The latest fishing boat to be sunk by Nazi planes is the trawler Trinity, which was bombed on Tuesday at a point some seventy-five miles from the Scottish coast. The attack was watched by a Danish trawler which was a mile away at the time.

After the Trinity had sunk beneath the waves, eight British survivors were picked up by the Danish boat and landed in Denmark yesterday.

One fireman went down with the Trinity, while the cook died of his wounds not long after being rescued.

# CANADIAN TROOPS IN CEREMONIAL PARADE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Canadian troops took part in the first ceremonial parade since their arrival in Britain when Mr. L. Rore-Bellish, Minister for War, visited them at the camp where they are undergoing intensive training.

He witnessed them at work with machine-guns and artillery and other forces practising signalling, and then watched a march past of Scottish and Canadians and reviewed them drawn up in three lines.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote attended the performance of the Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. pantomime "Ali Baba" at the European Y.M.C.A. last night.

As there was insufficient evidence to offer for the prosecution, on a charge of robbery on board trading junk No. T2490H off Lan Tau, in the waters of the Colony, preferred against six men, Wong Choi, 51, Wong Fuk, 29, Wong Hei, 24, Wong Yau, 27, Wong Lin, 22, and Wong Sum, the prosecuting officer, sub-Inspector R. Cunningham withdrew the case before Mr. H. J. Crutwell in the District Court South yesterday. Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the defence.

Fines totalling \$10 were imposed on Miss J. Braga, of No. 12, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, when she pleaded guilty before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Court yesterday, to summonses for driving a car without an appropriate licence and allowing her car to remain stationary in Queen's Road Central on November 27.

## CHINA WAR NEWS

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Kingshan—Chungsiang highway destroyed.

The Japanese are encountering difficulties in sending reinforcements as the highways there have been damaged.

Yenmenkow on the Hankow-Ichang highway is surrounded by the Chinese.

On the Suhsien sector, in North Hupeh, the Chinese are continuing their drive eastward. Some 100 puppet Chinese troops in Suhsien defected and joined the Chinese fold yesterday.

## SOUTH ANHWEI

TSINGYANG, ANHWEI, Dec. 21 (Central).—Chinese forces in South Anhwei are closing in on Tunglu, on the south bank of the Yangtze River near the Kiangsi border. Brisk fighting is raging near Yingchihai, and Tating, respectively south-west and north-east of Kweichin.

Several important heights near Yingchihai have been recaptured by the Chinese.

## TOWNS RETAKEN

SEWUI, KWANGTUNG, Dec. 21 (Central).—A Chinese unit recaptured Samkong and Kunyul, about 15 miles north-west of Canton, yesterday while another unit smashed into Tampo, 18 miles north-west of Canton. They are pushing toward Fatsan, 10 miles south-west of Canton.

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—According to the Official News Agency, German airmen dropped an umbrella over the British lines during Mr. Chamberlain's recent visit with a message to the Premier about the bad weather.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Seaford Highlander, Private Eckford, who is facing a charge of murder will be tried at the British Supreme Court on Jan. 9 in connection with the death of Lance Corporal Davies on the night of Nov. 4.

OSLO, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer Mars has been sunk in the North Sea by a mine. Six survivors have been landed and seven are believed to have been lost.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2 (Reuter).—According to the China Press, what amounted to a general rejection of his proposals regarding the future policing of the western areas in the International Settlement was handed to Mayor Fu Sia-chen personally by Mayor Tsiang yesterday evening by the S.M.C. Chairman, Mr. Cornell S. Franklin.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

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Pearl Fishers (Bisset). In the depths of the Temple—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Giuseppe De Luca (Bartone) with Orchestra. "Un Ballo in Maschera" (Verdi); Invocation Scene King of the shades—Titi he! Titi he! Irene Menghini Cattaneo (Mezzo-Soprano) with Members of La Scala Chorus and Orchestra, Milan.

7.30 London Relay—The News.  
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.05 Studio-Jazz-Piano Recital by Hal Lorenz.

8.20 Al Bollington at the Organ. Shirley Temple Memorial with Ad-ton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra, and Vocal Refrain by Baby Terry. Lionel Monckton Melodies (arr. Stanford Robinson)—Al Bollington at the Organ.

8.35 Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—Im Sorry I Didn't Say "Im Sorry"; Im Reading Your Letters—The Organ. The Dance Band and Me. Fox-Trot—Ten Pretty Girls; Waltz—Waltz of the Gipsies (London Rhapsody)—Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; Night and Day—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra. Tangoes—For Que!—Gerald and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Gaucho Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Supposin'—The One Rose—Sydney Linton and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.  
8.15 London Relay—News Summary.  
8.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."  
9.45 "Band Waggon."  
With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

10.07 Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—The Same Old Story; The Lady On The Second Floor—Gerald and His Orchestra. Tangoes—Fascinating; El Adios—Orquesta Tielca Francisco. Canas. Fox-Trot—Wanting You; Quicksnap—Land In Sight—Billy Bartholomew and His Dance Orchestra. Comedy Waltz—Im One of the Lads of Valencia—Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

10.30 London Relay—"Hall Pantomime."  
Extracts from coming Pantomimes from all over England.  
11.00 Close Down.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

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Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
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Haiphong	22nd Dec.
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London and Straits	22nd Dec.
Australia and Manila	22nd Dec.
Australia and Manila	22nd Dec.
Saigon	22nd Dec.
Japan	22nd Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	22nd Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	22nd Dec.
Sandakan	22nd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	22nd Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th Dec.	24th Dec.
Manila	24th Dec.
Shanghai	24th Dec.
Shanghai	24th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	24th Dec.
Japan	24th Dec.
Straits	24th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	24th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	24th Dec.
Manila	24th Dec.
Manila	24th Dec.
Straits	24th Dec.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 20th December.	27th Dec.
Haiphong	27th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	27th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th Dec.	28th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
Straits	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
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Sandakan	28th Dec.
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Japan and Shanghai	28th Dec.
Japan	28th Dec.
London and Straits	28th Dec.
Haiphong	28th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B. C. date 15th December).	4th Jan.
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	Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 3.20 PM
<b>G.P.O.</b>	
	Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 3.20 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th January 1940.	4.30 PM
Japan	4.30 PM
Manila	7.00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
	Sat. 23rd
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 22nd 5.00 PM
	Ord. 22nd 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 22nd 5.00 PM
	Ord. 23rd 7.30 AM
	8.30 AM
Shanghai	10.30 AM
Fort Bayard	10.30 AM
Saigon	10.30 AM
Shanghai	1.30 PM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Fort Bayard and Tourane.	Sun. 24th 9.00 AM
Amoy and Shanghai	9.00 AM
Haiphong	9.00 AM
<b>MONDAY</b>	
	Mon. 25th
	10.00 AM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
	Tue. 26th
Shanghai	8.30 AM
Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM

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